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The Rain in Spain

How interesting to read about Arthur, the young rat (*Did You Know?*, Fall 1994), who never (as I recall) could make up his mind. I met Arthur in 1935 when, as a lowly transfer student (and transfer students really were lowly then), I was sent off to take the required speech test.

I read the story of Arthur and the old horse named Nelly and the rest of it into a microphone and, never having had my voice recorded before, waited with interest to hear how I would sound. What a shock! The aluminum discs that were state of the art in 1935 made all voices higher than they really were, and mine was already high. Minnie Mouse, that's who I sounded like.

The first pronouncement from the speech professor was that I should try to lower my voice by an octave; deep, almost baritone female voices were in vogue then. But she could not place me. I told her I was from Ohio; she said, "That's not an Ohio voice." Darn right it wasn't. My parents, to whom speech was very important, had nagged me from babyhood about the way I spoke. After asking about every other place where I might have lived or visited, she finally told me, "Miss Farr, you are most unusual—you have no trace of regional accent in your speech. There is no correction we can suggest—except to try for a lower register."

My one triumph at Barnard! It's a memory I've cherished for almost sixty years.

Rosemary Farr Dyer '37
South Waterford, Maine

Gender Garbage

At the point in Judith Shapiro's inaugural address where she talked about the gender folklore of taking out the garbage, I laughed out loud. One summer, when my son Fred was in high school and reluctant to go to camp, we settled on the summer session at Mount Herman School in Massachusetts. He signed up for a course called "The Examined Life." (This was supposed to be an enrichment program for public school kids.) But "The Examined Life" was full, so he settled for "Judaic-Christian Values in Western Civilization," taught by the protestant Chaplain at the University of Massachusetts.

Fred returned from summer school announcing that he was now a Christian Existentialist. When I told this to friends, they invariably asked, "What's a Christian Existentialist?" To which I replied, "I haven't the faintest idea, but it takes out the garbage without being told." This happy state of affairs lasted nearly a year, then the existential magic faded. But since he's now the cook in his household, garbage duty goes along.

Jean Gollay '38
Venice, Florida

The Fabric of the Community

As an alumna of color, I had to write to express my great joy and pleasure at the fact that there was diversity among the participants in President Shapiro's inauguration. The participation of Mr. Tannis, who greeted her on behalf of the staff, and of the Barnard/Columbia Gospel Choir was a clear acknowledgement of the different faces that inhabit the College in different capacities but help to make it a community. I was especially pleased to see that the Gospel Choir has become a part of the fabric of the College community, since I was a member of the original choir and we were never certain whether we would even receive funding from year to year! I was also happy to see that the choir's membership has diversified because it's only through a sharing of our different cultural experiences that we can understand each other and appreciate our sameness. If this diversity and inclusiveness reflect President Shapiro's spirit and sensitivity, Barnard's entire community will be uplifted and enriched by her leadership.

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LECTURE NOTES

WHO IS A SCIENTIST?

From a November 29, 1994, lecture, "Gender Ideology and the Biology of Sex Differences," given by Ruth Hubbard, the 1994 Virginia C. Gildersleeve visiting professor. Hubbard, an expert in the sociology of science, is professor emerita of biology at Harvard.

A serious problem is the narrow slice of humanity that's now able to become scientists. These are predominantly male, upper-middle-class, Euro-Americans educated in institutions that validate a particular tradition of education and knowledge. But there are other descriptions of nature, as well as other technologies. There is women's knowledge about nature that we acquire in gardens, kitchens, sickrooms. There's farmers' knowledge about nature. There's indigenous peoples' knowledge about nature that exists to some extent even in Europe but surely in the Americas and Asia and Africa and Australia—in fact, wherever people have lived for a long time and have had to try to understand the weather and animals and human diseases, and so on. We often call their knowledge superstition and ours science. I'm not saying that all sources of knowledge are equally valid and that all descriptions of nature are equally true. We need to become a good deal more critical about the sources of our knowledge about nature and a great deal more open to descriptions that are offered by people whose ideological backgrounds and experiences are different from ours.

ET AT BC

"Suppose we encountered beings from another world. How alien might they be? Would they look like us? Think like us? Would their science resemble ours? What about their religions, philosophies, political or social structures?

And what if they were immeasurably smarter than we are?" These are just some of the questions philosophy professor Alan Gabbey will pose this spring in his first-year seminar "Extraterrestrial Intelligence."

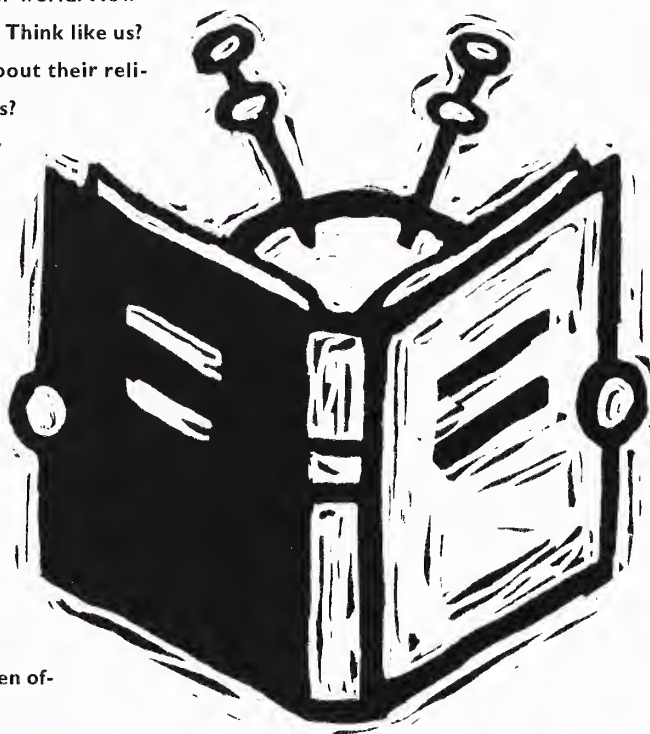
Fascinated by the idea of extraterrestrial intelligence since his childhood in Northern Ireland, Gabbey, formerly of Queens University in Belfast, explored the issue in depth at a 1992 conference at Columbia on the history and philosophy of science. His talk, entitled "Extraterrestrial Intelligences: Must They Know What We Know?" eventually led Gabbey to propose the seminar.

This spring will be the first time it has ever been offered at the College.

When asked whether he believes in the existence of aliens, Gabbey, who usually concerns himself with seventeenth-century philosophy and science, sidesteps the question. "I'm interested in the scientific and philosophical questions relating to extraterrestrial intelligence," says Gabbey, his blue eyes twinkling.

According to Gabbey, humans have been grappling with the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence since antiquity. Readings in Gabbey's course will commence with an excerpt of Lucretius's scientific poem *De rerum natura* (On the Nature of Things), written sometime between 99 and 55 BC, and will include H.G. Wells's 1898 novel *The War of the Worlds* and Ursula Le Guin's *The Left Hand of Darkness*, published in 1969. Gabbey also plans to screen Steven Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and an episode from the television series "Star Trek." "I want to pick [a "Star Trek" episode] that involves aliens," he says, "because aliens are often portrayed as though they are funny kinds of human beings."

But Gabbey calls "illegitimate" the habit of imbuing aliens with human characteristics. "It's difficult making any assumptions about aliens. Think of the almost infinite diversity of beings that we know of on earth. You would expect other forms of life to be even more varied and nothing at all like human beings."



WE ARE FAMILY

DID YOU KNOW?



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On February 18, 1965, just days before he was assassinated, Malcolm X spoke to a crowd of fifteen hundred Barnard and Columbia faculty and students in the Barnard gym. Invited by members of the Student Exchange, a campus group, he lectured on "The Black Revolution and Its Effect Upon the Negro of the Western Hemisphere," telling his audience that "the American Negro must take any means necessary to secure his rights as an individual human being." Three days later, while speaking to about four hundred of his followers at the Audubon Ballroom in Washington Heights, Malcolm X was shot to death by three men who allegedly were associated with the Nation of Islam.

Francesca Cuevas-Cruz '80 grew up just blocks from Barnard on West 106th Street, but she'd never even heard of the College until her high school English teacher encouraged her to apply. Salutatorian of her class at Brandeis High School, Cuevas-Cruz, the daughter of a single mother on disability, not only qualified for admission to Barnard but also had the grades, the SAT verbal scores, and the financial need to gain admission to the Barnard Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP).

Established at Barnard in 1970, HEOP is available at private colleges and universities throughout the United States (there are eighty participating schools in New York State) and is designed to provide financial aid, free tutoring and counseling, and moral support to students who wouldn't otherwise have the resources to attend. Cuevas-Cruz credits HEOP with making a difficult first year at Barnard easier. "The HEOP office became my home," she recalls.

And it remains so. While a student, Cuevas-Cruz began working as a peer counselor at HEOP, and fifteen years later she is still working there, as the program director, overseeing a three-person staff (who are also graduates of both Barnard and HEOP).

Cuevas-Cruz was the mastermind behind the celebration of HEOP's twenty-fifth anniversary in November. Two hundred HEOP alumnae, parents, administrators, teachers and friends, along with some of the 104 current HEOP students, joined in to mingle and dance.

To date, HEOP graduates number 207, and each year the Barnard program's enrollment grows. Barnard's graduation rate stands at 95 percent, a full 35 percentage points higher than the national average. "We have a really special program," says Cuevas-Cruz. "Barnard has been so supportive, and that's one reason we've been so successful."

With a budget of approximately \$1.5 million (about one-fourth is provided by the state, with the rest coming from the College), HEOP provides peer counseling, professional counseling, tutoring, a newsletter, an alumnae mentoring program, and after-hours access to computers in their Lehman Hall basement office.

In addition to the services available in the HEOP office, each first-year student attends six weeks of what is referred to around the HEOP office as "academic boot camp, or hell," in the summer before matriculation. From six-thirty in the morning until midnight, participants take courses in calculus or precalculus, chemistry with a lab, English, oral communications, library skills and research, and a writing workshop in a program designed to replicate the pressure of finals at Barnard.

But HEOP students don't spend all their time studying. Cuevas-Cruz mentions how involved HEOP students are in campus life. "I see a lot of young women taking advantage of what Barnard has to offer," she says. "They are running for Student Government Association president, and serving as student representative to the Board of Trustees." Cuevas-Cruz estimates that she has remained close to about half of HEOP alumnae. "I know it sounds like a cliché," she says, "but HEOP is really like a family."



HEOP staff and students, clockwise from top left: Anieska Garcia '95, Francesca Cuevas-Cruz '80, Renee Mayo '98, Yulee Park '97, Santa Arocho '89, Jasmin Rodriguez '89, and Tara Jefferson '92.

HERE AT THE BULLETIN

It is Friday afternoon and the perpetually closed door of the *Barnard Bulletin*'s lower-level McIntosh office is open. Inside, at one end of the long, narrow room decorated with posters of Johnny Depp and Vincent Van Gogh, staff members are ogling their object of desire—a Power Macintosh 6100/60 with CD-ROM. "This is our computer," says editor in chief Margarida Jorge '95. "Just call it God."

"Isn't it beautiful?" asks Sheila David '95, the *Bulletin*'s first science editor. But enough talk—Jorge and David don't have a lot of time. Jorge is giving David a quick layout lesson in Pagemaker, the *Bulletin*'s desktop publishing program. There is one last issue to get out before the end of the semester.

Students have been using desktop publishing to produce the newspaper for nearly a decade, but this hasn't always meant they have mastered the programs. Computer snafus are nothing new to the *Barnard Bulletin* staff. Amy Leavey '96, veteran staff member and columnist, remembers spending an evening laying out articles on the old computer, which didn't have enough memory to store Leavey's data. "The screen would freeze and the only way to unfreeze it would be to reboot, which meant losing pages and pages of work," says Leavey. "It was the most frustrating experience."

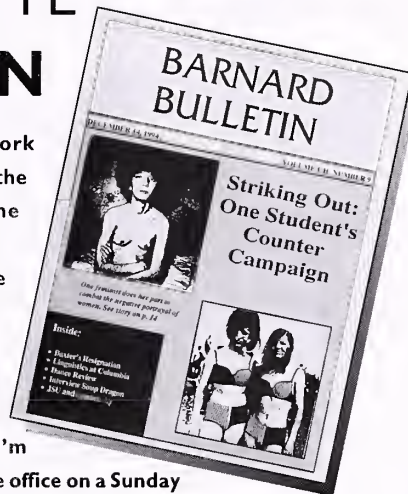
Software glitches meant routine all-nighters at production time (the paper comes out ten to twelve times per semester). Finally, sleep deprivation and frustration prompted Jorge to request three thousand dollars from the Student Government Association (SGA) for a new computer last October. After some debate, the *Bulletin* got its new computer, but much of the

last-minute work still goes on in the middle of the night—mostly because the students are so busy. "The staff goes out of its way to make sure I'm not alone in the office on a Sunday at four A.M.," says Jorge, who works fifteen hours a week in the library, takes a full course load, and admits to spending the same amount of time on the *Bulletin* as she does on her schoolwork. "I never eat, I never socialize, and I never sleep," she says breathlessly.

Despite her hectic schedule, Jorge plans to stay on as editor in chief, even though she has already fulfilled her two-semester commitment to the *Bulletin*. "I'm staying because I really care about it and I don't want it to fall apart," she says.

Jorge is confident that a new day is dawning for the ninety-four-year-old weekly. There are new columns on science, women's health, and the SGA, along with an anonymous advice column from the "Ontological Dilemma Lady," offering help with "hair problems, homicidal urges, analytic philosophy, and bibliographic referencing."

Now armed with the necessary hardware (and software) and a vastly expanded editorial staff, including eleven to fifteen editors and columnists and about twenty-five staff writers, Jorge is positioned to expand advertising and distribution, with plans in place for direct distribution into each student's mailbox. "We're aiming to make the *Bulletin* a vehicle for public debate where people can hash out issues that are important to them, particularly women's issues."



NEW FACULTY FACES

MAIA FRASER

Maia Fraser is often tied up in knots—knot theory, that is. "Knots as in shoelaces, except with the ends bonded together," explains the newly arrived Barnard assistant professor of mathematics. Fraser, a twenty-seven-year-old Toronto native with a doctorate from Stanford, brings to Barnard a special interest in encouraging women to study mathematics. Before coming to Barnard, she taught in an intensive summer program—jointly sponsored by Mills College and the University of California at Berkeley—that encouraged undergraduate women to pursue graduate degrees in mathematics.

During her first term at Barnard, Fraser taught two sections of "Calculus for Social Scientists" and advised first-year students. "They helped me get to know the College," she says. Fraser also got to know her colleagues in the mathematics department across the street. "The math department at Barnard is closely tied to Columbia, which is a big group," she says. "It's great for research, and I get to feel a part of a small women's college. I'm getting the best of both worlds."



LARS TRÄGÅRDH



Lars Trägårdh, recently appointed assistant professor of history, took a circuitous path to academia. In 1974, he arrived in southern California from his native Sweden to attend Pomona College in Claremont, California. Following graduation, he moved to San Francisco, where he ran a cafe, worked in a day care center, and launched a computer graphics business, among other pursuits. In 1986, he enrolled in the graduate history program at the University of California at Berkeley; he received his doctorate in 1992.

Trägårdh has many different interests: nationalism and family and gender relations and the welfare state. He comes to the College after a year of postdoctoral research on the future of the welfare state in Sweden. During his first semester, Trägårdh taught a first-year seminar, "Utopia Imagined," along with a lecture course on nationalism.

Trägårdh does sometimes miss being his own boss. "Having your own business gives you a certain type of freedom and control," he says. Nonetheless, he feels privileged to be at Barnard. "The students here are excellent."



THE DANCE OF DEATH IN BOSNIA

WHAT SHOULD OR can be done about the war in Bosnia? The answer to that question has been clouded by the two varying political and press definitions of the nature of the conflict, which is characterized either as a war of aggression by one party (the Serbs, sponsored by what remains of Yugoslavia) against a recognized and sovereign member of the United Nations (Bosnia-Herzegovina), or as a civil war among feuding tribes.

Under the Bush and Clinton administrations, the United States has alternatively espoused both definitions. According to the first, the Bosnian war is the result of naked aggression, and Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, representing the former Yugoslav state, is characterized as intent upon the creation of a Greater Serbia. Given this scenario, the cause of the problem is clear: Serbian expansionism and emerging fascism. The appropriate remedy? An international effort to stop and punish the Serbs who caused the war.

The second definition is linked to the assumption that perennial and intractable religious conflicts exist in Bosnia, a land located at the geographic point where the European, Asian, and African tectonic plates meet—a geological fact that for many has symbolized some inherent explosive potential. Ivo Andrić, the Yugoslav writer who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1961, wrote in 1920 that in Bosnia “the storms of hatred lie hidden in opaque depths.” Winston Churchill described the Balkans as producing more history than they could locally consume, as if ethnic hatred and warfare were as endemic to the re-

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gion as earthquakes are to California. Clearly, those who support this definition envision the Balkans as some kind of Hegelian Other: non-European, mythological, wild, and dangerous.

ONE PUZZLE GIVEN either definition is why now, after forty-five years of relative ethnic harmony? What was the context in which the political leadership in the former Yugoslavia began to take steps in the dance of death that led to the present war? Is it that Bosnian Croats, Serbs, and Muslims have only been able to coexist when an external power (the Ottomans, the Austro-Hungarians, the central Yugoslav state) imposed coexistence? Excluding the remote possibility of turning Bosnia into a United Nations trusteeship, this does not bode well for any lasting peace. Nor does it address the central question: What does Bosnia lack in terms of its own internal political resources that has led to the necessity of outside control to safeguard harmony?

From the Ottoman conquest of Bosnia in 1463 through its transfer to Austro-Hungary as a protectorate after the 1878 Congress of Berlin, there have been periods of both coexistence and conflict along religious lines in Bosnia. Religion in Bosnia does not distinguish ethnic groups; rather, it serves as a marker, differentiating people according to their respective political histories. The penultimate manifestation of what is termed ethnic warfare occurred during the Second World War, when Bosnia formed part of the Nazi quisling Independent State of Croatia. Balkan Nazis, known as the Ustashi and composed of Croatians and Bosnian Muslims,

led a systematic extermination campaign against Jews, Gypsies, and Serbs. Massive disparities exist on the exact number of Serbs killed during WWII, in a large part due to the absence of any resolution of this question under Tito. Estimates range from that of Franjo Tudjman, the current president of Croatia, who claims there were 20,000 Serbian victims, to that of Serbian historian Milan Bulajić, who posits 1.1 million. Hitler's special envoy to the Balkans, Hermann Neubacher, reported back to headquarters that there were 750,000.

After the process of de-Stalinization in Yugoslavia began in 1948, the country liberalized considerably. By the time the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, Yugoslavia was poised as the East European state most likely to be admitted to the European community. But while Yugoslav socialism may have modernized the country, it did not lead to democratization. Instead, *decentralization* was substituted for democracy in the hope that it would somehow satisfy popular aspirations. With the 1974 constitution, Yugoslavia had become a quasi-confederation and its six republics self-contained political and economic entities.

The fate of the Communist Party in Yugoslavia best illustrates the country's postwar trajectory. With the liberalization of the one-party system, the unitary Communist Party fractured along republic and province lines. This resulted in eight communist parties—one for each republic and autonomous province. (In fact, it was only four years ago, in July 1990, that the first noncommunist party legally crossed republic lines—by that time far too late.) Political interests were expressed only within the framework of a republic—i.e. no political party allowed a Slovene and a

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DEMOCRACIES ARE NOT BORN OUT OF NOTHINGNESS, LIKE VENUS SPRINGING FULLY FORMED ON THE HALF-SHELL. NOR DOES THE PRESENT FIGHTING AUGUR WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF THE REGION . . .

Macedonian, or a Kosovar and a Montenegrin, to share political interests. Bosnia fractured even further. Articles 1, 2, and 3 of its constitution enforced an ethnic balancing mechanism: No referendum could pass without receiving a majority in all three ethnic groups. The first measure taken without achieving consensus was, in fact, the referendum on secession from Yugoslavia in March 1992.

Under this system, the rights of the smallest group, the Croats, were equal to those of the largest group, the Muslims. In short, Yugoslavia had developed no common framework that would allow political programs to form untethered to republic or ethnic lines.

This failure of democratization took place within a context of economic collapse. Throughout the 1980s, Yugoslavia's republics faced varying degrees of economic disaster as performance declined and unemployment (surpassing 50 percent in the poorest regions), inflation (which reached 1,660 percent by 1989), and crime rates soared. Republics vied for needed resources and political clout, while a massive buildup in military preparedness remained unchecked. When the war in Croatia began in 1991, the Yugoslav National Army was the largest standing army in Eastern Europe—its entire defense system prepped for a potential Soviet assault. The doctrine known as "Total People's Defense" included the dispersal of both arsenals and command-and-control systems throughout the country. Bosnia, projected as the most likely venue for a coming guerrilla war against the Warsaw Pact, was home to 60 percent of Yugoslavia's weapons factories. Ironically, the military doctrine intended to prepare for a Soviet invasion laid the groundwork for a bloody civil war.

IT MAY BE reassuring to believe that the horrors of the Balkan wars of the 1990s were initiated by one offending party, for if one eliminates or neutralizes the cause, the problem is then solved. Similarly, to believe that civil war somehow comes naturally to the Balkans is to believe that whatever the uncivilized and barbaric Other does, the phenomenon exists *sui generis* and does not have anything to do with us in the West.

Unfortunately, to recognize that the hostilities are an outgrowth of Yugoslavia's failure to create a functioning, pluralist political system suggests no quick-fix solution. Democracies are not born out of nothingness, like Venus springing fully and perfectly formed on the half-shell. Nor does the present fighting augur well for the future of the region, for dictatorships are far more likely to be forged in the crucible of war than are democracies.

There are many other potential Bosnias throughout the world—countries plagued by economic crisis, the proliferation of weapons, and political systems predicated upon ethnic and religious identities. Rather than debating whether Sarajevo is indeed in the heart of Europe and besieged by barbarians, or in the deepest Balkans where such doings are a matter of course, we would do better to identify the political, economic, and military framework from which this war has emerged. Unless the underlying causes are redressed, the only real debate becomes what sort of palliative measures the international community can offer.

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BARNARD WOMEN
LEADING THE WAY.

BY MARIA COHEN '84
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FORTY YEARS AGO, 12 percent of American women with children under the age of six were in the work force. This year, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, 65 percent of American women with children under six will be working. But while CEOs may know the numbers, most businesses are still cast in the 1950s mold—geared toward men who have a wife at home full time. Consequently many parents, especially women, are working overtime on the job and at home . . . and are convinced they aren't succeeding at either. What most women want, according to work force surveys like the one conducted in 1991 by the benefits consulting firm of Hewitt Associates, is "family-friendly" businesses. That means businesses that are flexible, offering schedules built around children's needs, work-at-home arrangements, part-time work, or shorter work weeks. At minimum, employees need the acknowledgment that juggling family and demanding professional schedules requires a little help from those who stand to gain the most: employers.

A few businesses have responded by taking the giant step of creating on-site day care centers. Others provide counseling and resource referrals to help employees select the right child care or school options for their kids.

But advocates of family-friendly business say that these steps should be just the beginning. What is really needed is a fundamental shift in the way America does business. The payoff, they say, is a healthy, productive work force for the future.

WALK INTO THE NEWLY renovated offices of Work/Family Directions, Inc., and you know this is no typical nine-to-five establishment. Large, airy skylights bathe the interior in natural light and whimsical kites hang from the ceiling. Employees sit on overstuffed couches, working in groups to create a new information booklet for client companies. A solitary worker studies new child development material while lounging in a body-hugging "people chair" on the floor. Even the division of desk space seems well thought out. Executives who are likely to be on the road during the day have desks lining the interior walls, while employees who spend most of the work week at their desks sit by sun-flooded windows. Along the halls hang large photos of employees

and their families.

Sound too good to be true? It isn't.

Founded in 1983 by Fran Sussner Rodgers '67, Work/Family Directions provides services to client corporations that help employees better juggle work and family responsibilities. It is a portrait of what the future of business could be in this country, a success story written by a woman who knows firsthand the difficulty of melding family and professional responsibilities. In 1979, Rodgers's then-eighteen-month-old daughter developed serious asthma. Rodgers, who had been working for an educational consulting firm studying the impact of women in the work force, reduced her hours to part-time. Then, out of the difficulties she experienced, she decided to make a proposal to her employer: Why not formulate benefits that would help workers cope with their dual roles of parent and employee? Why not offer businesses a whole new way of looking at how their workers handle family responsibilities?

Her boss wasn't interested. Rodgers believes she was "written off" because, in the eyes of her employer, part-time work meant a part-time commitment. "That company could have become the basis for Work/Family Directions," says Rodgers in her even, husky voice. "But I wasn't taken seriously."

So Rodgers decided to stay home full-time and work for herself. She continued to conduct demographic studies and surveys of working populations for clients, as well as studies of personnel issues and the ways that companies could revamp their benefits programs. She also conducted child care training seminars and helped Procter & Gamble and Harvard Medical Center set up child care centers.

And then she hit gold—or, rather, blue. In the early 1980s, IBM hired Rodgers to help develop a child and elder care referral service, to meet the growing needs of IBM's increasingly female work force. After securing the contract, Rodgers moved her Boston-based business out of her home and into an office staffed by six people. That first year, Work/Family Directions reported \$1 million in revenues. Today, revenues approach \$50 million and the company employs more than 250 people, 216 of whom are women. In addition to its foundation of providing child and elder care referral services, the firm runs management training seminars geared toward creating a more flexible and productive work environment and provides assis-

Long before maternity leave became the law of the land, Dean Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve '99 broached the idea of granting a flexible, paid maternity leave for Barnard administrators, instructors, and trustees to Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia's president. "He looked a bit startled at first," Gildersleeve recalled in her memoir, *Many A Good Crusade*. "It reminded him that in France they particularly wanted their women teachers to be married and encouraged them to have children. President Butler saw the point . . . 'We should have women teachers with fuller lives and richer experiences, not so many dried-up old maids,' he said."

In her June 1932 report to Butler, Gildersleeve detailed the maternity leave policy that had been approved by the Trustees: It offered women administrators, instructors, and full-time faculty a choice of six months at full pay or a year at half pay—"the period of leave to be determined by

the Dean after consultation with the individual concerned.

"We have felt for many years that a women's college was a peculiarly appropriate place in which to experiment with solutions to the new problems faced by women, and to attempt to arrive at some wise adjustment," wrote Gildersleeve. "It is of the greatest importance that our teachers should be normal and interesting human beings, with as full and rich lives as may be possible. Neither the men nor the women on our staff should be forced into celibacy, and cut off from that great source of experience, of joy, sorrow and wisdom, which marriage and parenthood offer."

Barnard's current policy conforms to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993, allowing for twelve weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave for the birth and first-year care of a child.

A WISE ADJUSTMENT

tance to clients' employees on education, adoption, and disability.

Clients pay \$15 to \$25 a year for each employee covered. Employees may call an 800 number with questions on any family-related issue. Work/Family counselors will research day care and elder care services, offer information about educational options, and often simply provide good old back-fence advice. The objective, explains Rodgers, is to help employees through tough spots with "tangible assistance, whether it's about child care or a bad report card."

For LeAnn Coe, a district manager for AT&T in New Jersey, the service provided by Work/Family Directions was invaluable in helping her choose child care when she returned to work after the birth of second daughter, Alexis, now a toddler. At the time, Coe, overwhelmed by the array of child care options, called Work/Family and spoke to counselors who sent her materials listing the pros and cons of each type of child care she was considering. They also gave her advice on what to look for and how to conduct interviews with day care providers.

"They never missed a commitment," says Coe, who now tells all her pregnant coworkers about the service before they take maternity leave. "They were really terrific and they really know their business. They understand what is on a working parent's mind."

Since the Big Blue coup, more than 225 businesses have sought out Work/Family Directions. Of those, forty-five are now among the top 100 businesses cited as best for working mothers by *Working Mother* magazine, a publication that recently described Work/Family Directions as the "firm that's writing the book on how to treat working mothers."

Still, businesses are not making "family-friendly" changes in the name of warm, fuzzy feelings, says Rodgers. They come to Work/Family because helping working parents cope with their dual roles makes good business sense.

"Our business is based on the assumption that if you encourage people to make good choices at work and at home, then they are more productive," she says. "They do better work and have lower

health care costs."

Indeed, many businesses are beginning to adopt the policies endorsed by Work/Family. In the early eighties, flex time and job-sharing were innovations barely whispered about in boardrooms; now, alternatives to nine-to-five are becoming more common.

"Ten years ago, there was virtually nothing organized," says Bradley Googins, director of the Center on Work and Family at Boston University. "By and large, this was a non issue for corporations. Fran was right on the tip of the wave."

RODGERS NO LONGER rides this wave alone. Now a handful of others offer nationwide resource and referral services, and many regional businesses offer similar services on a smaller scale.

"There really has been growth," says Joyce A. Rittenberg '78, assistant director of employer services at Child Care Inc., a nonprofit child care resource and referral agency in New York City that lists more than 150 corporate clients. "I think the attitude that you can leave a family at the door when you get to work is gone. There is a realization that employers lose in terms of productivity because of family-related stress."

Like Work/Family Directions, Child Care Inc. streamlines a parent's search for child care, finding out what parents want and offering them a list of providers that meet their needs. The agency also helps client companies improve employee benefits. In 1990, for instance, Child Care Inc. set up a collaboration among several New York employers, including Time Warner, Colgate-Palmolive, *The New York Times* and the law firm of Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, to provide emergency day care. Through the program, a sitter will go to an employee's home to watch a child when regular day care arrangements fall through or the child is sick; the effort is completely paid for by the employers.

Companies have started to adopt these benefits, says Rittenberg, because they see better results from employees. When workers are

What's the difference between a corporate man with a wife who works and a corporate man with a wife who stays home and watches the kids?

The answer: about \$12,000 a year. And it's the one whose wife is at home with the kids who is earning more.

In her latest study of how family structure affects career paths, Joy A. Schmeer '79 and her collaborator, Frieda Reitman of Pace University's Lubin School of Business, found

that men who fit into the traditional "Father Knows Best" family, with a wife at home looking out for the children, earn the most.

"We didn't anticipate such a dramatic negative picture for post-traditional men," says Schmeer, an associate professor of management at Rider University's College of Business Administration in Lawrenceville, N.J. She explains that just as women have often been denied top executive positions because of their family commitments, men in post-traditional families have begun to meet the same resistance. The results of her study also indicated that over a five-year period men in traditional families received raises 20 percent larger than did those whose wives also worked.

SLOW TO CHANGE

In the past, Schmeer says, business representatives have pooh-poohed her studies on families and career paths. An earlier Schmeer/Reitman study compared women who had never interrupted their employment with women who briefly left work—averaging 8.8 months—and then returned full time. They found that women who took time off earned 17 percent less after a five-year period than women who did not. This time around, however, because her research reveals men whose careers are lagging because of an inflexible business structure, Schmeer believes more attention will be paid to her findings. (Since Schmeer was interviewed for this piece, her research was featured in a front-page article in *The New York Times*.)

Schmeer began her study in 1987, randomly sending surveys to 231 MBAs from two large Eastern universities who had earned their degrees between 1975 and 1980. She followed up her initial mailing last year. "Basically, men in traditional families are at the top," says Schmeer of the results. "These men tend to see their successors as like themselves. Our studies show that men in post-traditional families are not getting to these positions, so things will be very slow to change."

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Susan Dynerman '74 has turned her roller coaster experiences with day care and working into a book, *Are Our Kids All Right? Answers to the Toughest Questions about Child Care Today*. The project was inspired sixteen years ago, when her eldest son, Alex, was born. At the time, she negotiated a six-hour workday at *Memphis* magazine, where she worked as an editor—the first situation of its kind there. But the day care centers and providers she found were a patchwork of trial and error, good and horrendous. “I was often forced to change child care, which is symptomatic of the problem,” she says. With the birth of her second son, Max, many years later, she opted to work out of her home. Though she admits that there are a lot of positive changes taking place in corporate America, she stresses the need for child care subsidies, nationwide day care screening, and “lots of money poured into the system.”

“The progress is slow. We need some radical solutions. But it’s not going to happen until working parents make some noise,” says Dynerman, who admits that though the difficulty of melding work and family clearly affects both parents, women tend to carry the bulk of the responsibility for finding the solution. “We can keep going at a snail’s pace or really put some energy into it . . . I think this should be the number-one feminist issue. We will not have equal opportunity until it is resolved. But for a long time, it was ignored—it’s almost as if in the ’70s we fought for reproductive rights but neglected the other side of the equation.”



not worried about what is happening with their children, they miss fewer days of work and are more focused on their jobs.

BUT WHAT OF those parents who are not lucky enough to work for a “family-friendly” business? Although the business landscape may be changing, there still exists a profound gulf between the haves and the have-nots when it comes to affordable, quality day care.

Recent reports indicate that America is not doing a very good job taking care of its young. In 1994, a survey conducted by the Families and Work Institute, a nonprofit research agency in New York, found that the most prevalent form of day care—that which is provided in the home of a caregiver—was often of very poor quality. Similarly, the Carnegie Corporation of New York released a report last April concluding that many of America’s youngest citizens are not getting the start they need. The report said that business and government needed to establish family-friendly policies if both wanted to guarantee a healthy, educated, and productive work force for the future.

The Family and Medical Leave Act, which went into effect in August 1993, guarantees that a worker can take up to three months off from work for illness, maternity or paternity leave, or a family emergency and not lose his or her job. But it is unclear how many families will avail themselves of three months off without any pay, according to Susan Ginsberg ’51, editor and publisher of the *Family Life Newsletter*, which offers advice and information on family and work issues to employees of companies that subscribe.

One state that has decided to move beyond Washington’s initiative is Kentucky. As part of a sweeping reform of the state’s education system, the Kentucky legislature has mandated that all schools in low-income areas provide before- and after-school day care programs. But efforts like Kentucky’s are the exception, not the rule.

“We are the only industrialized country that doesn’t have a formal [day care] policy,” says Ruth Lerman Fitzpatrick ’54, former manager of the school-aged child care program for the Kentucky Department of Education. “There is a tremendous fear of big government. It’s the same reason we don’t have universal health care. The two are very closely related.”

Unlike health care, however, child care is still seen as an issue primarily affecting women. Many politicians and business leaders still believe that women work simply because they want to, not because they need the income, and that if they have child care problems, well, they brought it upon themselves. “I’ve hear representatives from major companies say, ‘They’ve made their bed, let them lie in it,’” says Ginsberg, a former dean of Bank Street College. “Right now, I think you could say things are stalled. The recession didn’t help any.

There are signs of progress, but you still hear horror stories about people getting pregnant and fired. The number of companies that have done anything but Band-Aid policies is very small.”

ADVOCATES SAY THAT it will take nothing short of a total overhaul of business culture to ease the stress of working families. In today’s working environment, the assumptions supervisors make about whom to groom for future management roles are frequently shortsighted, according to Ginsberg. Many CEOs continue to give promotions and raises only to those who can put in abundant overtime, who can travel frequently, and who can relocate without worrying about the impact on their partner’s career or income. Therefore, those who make it to the top rungs of the corporate ladder are often men whose wives stay at home to raise the kids (see sidebar, page 12).

“I think there is a lot of lip service given to family,” says Joy Schmeer ’79, associate professor of management at Rider University’s College of Business Administration in Lawrenceville, N.J. “People should be calling these family-friendly policies, like flextime, family-accommodating policies. They really just fit into the traditional structure. They allow you to do little things to let you work longer. I want to see a way to change the model of what a successful manager is to be consistent with today’s family.”

Changing those entrenched ideas about what makes a loyal worker and what businesses need to provide for employees with families is at the heart of Work/Family Directions. To that end, Fran Rodgers has done much to alter how corporations think about their employees. As each new company adopts policies that allow greater flexibility for workers with dependent care needs, other businesses will follow for fear that prospective employees will not see them as offering competitive benefits.

RODGERS REMEMBERS THAT when she graduated from Barnard in the late sixties, she and her classmates thought they could do anything, and everything. It came as a shock, she says, that combining work and family did not come easily.

“My worst nightmare would be that my daughters would lose their confidence that they could do both,” she says. “What’s really happening is that there is a strong entry of women in the work force and nothing was done to support it for twenty years. So now we say, ‘Oh, it’s not a good idea.’ I say fix it, support it . . . The burden is on society and institutions to change, not for women to go back home.”

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When the one-year-old daughter of Anjela Maurer ’88 gets sick and Maurer must stay home from work, she would rather tell her boss at *Child* magazine that she is ill, rather than admit she has a sick child. Maurer, an account manager who is expecting her second baby in July, believes it is somehow unprofessional to give the real reason for her absence. “It’s hard because no one is ever going to love your child as much as you do or take things as seriously as you do,” she says of her day care situation: a full-time nanny (off the books) who arrives at Maurer’s apartment at 8 A.M. and stays until 6:30 P.M. Maurer interviewed nearly twenty women before finding one that fit—one day before her twelve-week maternity leave expired.

HOW TO ESCAPE NEW YORK ...AND BEARS



BY SUSAN MULCAHY '78
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When you move from New York City to a place like Joseph, Oregon, one of the first things you notice is that the meat is a lot fresher.

Regardless of how they make a living, many of the locals also raise cows, or sheep, or pigs. Or they hunt. And so when you are invited to someone's house for dinner, there is a good chance the main course will be roast loin of pork from an animal that was once a 4-H exhibit and had a name like Einswine or Mr. Peepers. Then again, the entree might be elk teriyaki. Or bear burgers. Though none is in the *Silver Palate Cookbook*, I can personally attest to each dish's tastiness.

Completely carried away by the meat thing, I decided last year to buy a lamb. In eastern Oregon's Wallowa County, where Joseph is located, this is something a lot of people do if they don't keep livestock themselves. A friend who raises sheep when he is not working as an engineer agreed to choose one for me from his flock.

I guess I could have told him just to proceed with having the animal butchered and that I'd pick up the pieces at the market, but I was curious. For a New Yorker, for someone who had always had her food harvested or killed—and often cooked—by other people, for someone, moreover, who had never been particularly inquisitive about dead animal flesh, there loomed a tremendous question: Where do lamb chops come from?

In the area in which I was living, the only way to go, if you didn't want to do it yourself, was to contact Dale, the Mobile Slaughterer. I thought I might not have the stomach for watching Dale work, but he was so quick and efficient, it was not unlike observing an especially adept biology instructor. And I can't say enough positive things about the lamb chops.

While keeping an eye on Dale, my thoughts wandered to my Christian Lacroix coat, which was, and still is, hanging in a friend's apartment

on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The coat and the lamb were both woolly though the former cost a lot more, and I never got a meal out of it.

In New York, I used to wear the coat to places like the Four Seasons and Le Cirque. I cannot specifically recall ever ordering lamb at either restaurant, but if I did, I made no inquiries as to its provenance. In eastern Oregon, my wardrobe was less dramatic, but I knew very precisely where my next meal was coming from.

When I decided a few years ago to leave New York after nineteen years in residence, the first four at Barnard, many of my friends were surprised. Wasn't I a diehard New Yorker, and hadn't I led a charmed life there?

Sort of.

During spring semester of my senior year, I began working as a copygirl at the *New York Post*. Before long, one thing leading surprisingly to another, I ended up the editor of Page Six, the *Post's* popular gossip column. Eventually I switched to column-writing at *New York Newsday*, and later I became the editor in chief of *Avenue* magazine.

All were jobs laden with perquisites. There were theater tickets and presidential inaugurations and movie screenings and opera openings and film festivals and Academy Awards ceremonies and concerts at Radio City and book parties and expense account lunches and fashion shows and lots of other events requiring articles of clothing like the Lacroix coat. At one point, I donned less elaborate garments and appeared in an ad for The Gap. Some consider this the high point of my career.

Think about it. Once you have worn a turtle-neck professionally, what is left to accomplish? And so I headed for the back woods of Oregon.

Such a move was not one I could ever have anticipated in the fall of 1974, my first semester at Barnard. A product of the suburbs of Philadelphia, I viewed New York as Mecca, and initially it did not disappoint. I was in the city's thrall to such an extent that it became the topic of my senior thesis: New York as a character in novels by Stephen Crane, John Dos Passos, and Saul Bellow. At the top of the stationery I used back then was a sketch of an apple, through which ran the words: "When you leave New York, you ain't going nowhere."

That was a long time ago.

I could offer the usual litany of reasons for leaving the city—the traffic, the dirt, the noise, the homeless, the crime, the crowds, the number of things named after Donald Trump—but in the end, it was a simple desire for change that led me to exit Manhattan. Again, I was not disappointed.

While visiting Wallowa County on a vacation a year before moving there, I had been struck both by its beauty and by the fact that, unlike all other scenic areas in the United States, its landscape did not feature a single Bass Shoe factory outlet store. It seemed a place worth spending more time in. And if I was going to go to the trouble of leaving Manhattan, I wanted a total change of environment. I planned to hike, and to swim. I intended to learn to ski and to fish. I would attend state fairs and barn dances. To paraphrase a rodeo announcer whose style I came to admire: In life, as in rodeo, be damn sure to have a LARGE time, or it ain't worth leaving the bucking chutes.

Wallowa County occupies the northeastern corner of Oregon. There are not many people there—slightly over 7,000—nor are there many jobs. Because the local population has long sustained itself on ranching, timber, and other now-troubled pursuits, it is not wise to arrive there without work. But I had a portable computer and planned to devote myself to fiction. The fact that fiction is even more troubled than timber or ranching is one I chose to ignore.

During my first few months in the county, I rented a log cabin just below the tree line on Chief Joseph Mountain. Its most prominent features were a spectacular view of the valley below and a spectacular population of flies. The flies were so thick on the cabin's large picture windows that several times a day during fly season, which starts in August and continues indefinitely, I would routinely vacuum hundreds of them from the glass.

If I did not nab them then, they would fall to the windowsills and, on their little insect backs, spin around until they expired. The fly death spin was so loud I took to wearing earplugs while writing. But just try and concentrate in the same room

with hundreds of flies in the noisy throes of spinning to death. I did complete a couple of screenplays, but it is clear at this point that the flies are primarily responsible for the unfinished state of my novel.

One of the first visitors to the cabin was the mountain's water master. He said he wanted to make sure the water supply was adequate, but the real reason for his visit quickly manifested itself.

"You got a gun?" he inquired.

When I said no, he advised me to purchase one as soon as possible, to fend off the cougars, coyotes, and bears I could soon expect on the front porch—or in the house, if I failed to carefully shut the door. As he walked away from the cabin, he turned back to me and shouted: "You don't even have a .22?"

His tone indicated that the .22 was silly and ineffectual, the Dan Quayle of firearms, as it were. Again I had to say no. In doing so, I realized that there are wardrobe requirements everywhere, and mine suddenly had been found lacking.

When you exchange the urban for the rural, there are trade-offs. There is only one movie theater in Wallowa County, but it offers something no Manhattan art house can ever hope to match—a snack bar with sixty different kinds of candy and brewer's yeast for the popcorn. And although there is no official gossip column in the local paper, there is "For the Record." Traffic violations, hospital releases, search and rescue missions, divorce decrees—all are spelled out in dizzying detail. The day my speeding ticket was listed, I knew what Roseanne must have felt like when the tabloids were covering her split with Tom Arnold.

After hiking, my favorite activity was writing checks. I think there is a cash machine someplace in Wallowa County, but I never used it. And the drive-in windows at the bank, though fun once in a while, were not as thrilling as walking around for days—even weeks—without cash or credit cards.

Mac at Wallowa Outdoors would take a check for \$3.50 worth of fishing line. For the Saturday night show at the OK Theater, Russell would accept a check for \$4.50. Larry at Cactus Jack's Cowboy Bar would take a \$2 check for a beer. And no one ever requested an ID, not even when I had just moved there and was an unfamiliar face. This no-cash lifestyle made for a very fat bank statement at the end of the month, but I didn't care.

Sometimes I would try and see how small a check I could get away with. Four cents' worth of nails at Bud's Hardware would have set a record, but Bud would have none of it. "Oh, heck," he said. "It's just a few nails. Go ahead and take 'em." Bud is that kind of a guy.



Another entertaining way to spend time was pocketbook abandonment. Accustomed to carrying a shoulder bag defensively, with a highly developed sense of when it was about to be snatched on Lexington Avenue, say, near Bloomingdale's, I came to revel in leaving it unattended: on the grocery cart in Produce as I wandered over to Frozen Foods; on the front seat of the car with all the doors unlocked; hanging over the back of a restaurant chair as I went to the ladies' room. And when I returned to retrieve it, it never failed to be there, contents undisturbed.

After several months in Wallowa County, I began to wish I had always lived there, or at least been there during high school so I could have been a rodeo queen. Alas, it was too late, though I did come up with an assignment to write a magazine story about rodeo royalty, which allowed me to travel the circuit with the court from Joseph. It was the next-best thing to having worn a tiara-topped cowboy hat myself.

It wasn't long before I began to feel like a local, though friends in eastern Oregon say it was always obvious that I was newly arrived. It might have been ignorance of indigenous flora and fauna that gave me away. For quite a while, I assumed elk were just very large deer and was unable to discern any difference between pine and fir trees. What's a few needles? My roots may also have been revealed through an often-repeated complaint about the dearth of leg-waxing salons in the county.

One night out on the porch of the cabin I noticed a column of light sweeping across the sky the way klieg lights do when there is a movie opening in midtown Manhattan. Taking it to be a premiere at the OK Theater—to which I had not been invited—I was irate. The next day I learned that I had witnessed the northern lights.

I was so taken with the area that I decided to buy property—a lot in the woods above Wallowa Lake upon which sat a 1956 single-wide trailer—and found something inexplicably satisfying about a real estate transaction requiring a transfer from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

When friends in New York made snide remarks about “trailer trash” or intimated that Tonya Harding was now my soul mate, I let them wallow in their false complacency, knowing from experience that there is nothing quite as comfortable as a '56 Henslee with a large porch and all of its original wood paneling and vintage linoleum intact. Best of all, flies don't like manufactured homes.

Ultimately, however, I had trouble with bears. On several occasions, I was awakened in the middle of the night by a bear wandering onto the porch of the Henslee and upsetting the trash can. The first time, I bounded from bed and made enough noise to scare him away. Then I



went outside and cleaned up the mess. Thirty minutes later, he was back. After that, I let the bear enjoy his meal and dealt with it in the daylight.

Still undecided about joining the NRA, I called the local office of Oregon's Department of Fish & Wildlife to see if its representatives had any suggestions about getting rid of the bear—or bears. There might have been more than one. It was hard to tell.

A few yards from my front door, the biologists from Fish & Wildlife set a giant steel drum trap. The bear was supposed to be lured into it, after which the lid of the drum would slam shut and the biologists would pick up the trap and drive it to another remote wilderness area before releasing the bear. I hoped it would be far enough away to keep the bear from recalling the route back to the trailer.

Leaving some bread with honey at the edge of the trap, the guys from Fish & Wildlife suggested I put in other delicacies to which the bear might be attracted. Accepting the challenge, I cooked for the bear: chicken with apricot sauce, shrimp stir fry, chocolate chip cookies. Always, the next morning, small portions of the food would be gone, but the trap remained empty. I had had my cooking rejected before, but this was a new low.

Finally, after two weeks of bear-baiting, the trap snapped noisily shut at about 4 A.M. It was obviously a pretty large bear.

At about 6:30, I called one of the biologists, and he arrived an hour later. We approached the trap with caution. “You get a look at him?” he asked. Well, no, I said, I had been too nervous. Together we peered through the steel bars at one end of the trap and saw at the other end two small red eyes. It was certainly a huge raccoon, but there was no denying that it was not a bear. Still, the shrimp stir-fry had finally found an appreciative audience.

All told, I spent close to two years in Wallowa County. Though I didn't really know anyone when I arrived, two years later, I had made it on to the potluck dinner circuit, had become both a senior member of the road repair committee in my neighborhood and a regular for coffee at the Bookloft, and had secured a seat in a weekly Scrabble game. I had intended to sign up for knitting lessons, but frankly, just couldn't squeeze them in.

Last summer, while attempting to determine if I could remain in eastern Oregon, I talked with a friend who commented that lack of employment opportunities was not an excuse for departing. “There's plenty of work around here,” he said. “You can plant potatoes or lay irrigation pipe.”

Last fall, I moved to Seattle to create a new on-line entertainment service for a company called Starwave. I visit Wallowa County as often as possible.

SOCIOLOGIST ALIZA KOLKER EXAMINES
THE IMPLICATIONS OF PRENATAL TEST-

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Questions

graduate education and a career. When I decided to start a family, I faced what so many women in their thirties and forties face approaching motherhood for the first time. We “older” mothers know we stand an increased chance of having a child with chromosomal defects, such as Down syndrome. We flock to prenatal diagnosis

What compelled us to subject our unborn babies to invasive technology, what impact would it have on our motherhood?

clinics, eager for reassurance about the health of our babies. As sociologist Dorothy C. Wertz and historian Richard W. Wertz wrote in their book *Lying-In: A History of Childbirth in America*, “When it comes to the health of their children, most women are not risk-takers. This is why every fetus is becoming subject to quality control and why tests originally indicated for a few are applied to so many.”

In the early eighties, when I began to research my book *Prenatal Testing: A Sociological Perspective*, I was thirty-five and had just had amniocentesis. (I was one of the pioneers: In those years only 2 percent of pregnant women aged thirty-five and over had the procedure.) I wanted to understand what compelled us to subject ourselves and our unborn babies to this invasive technology, and what impact it would have on our motherhood, our lives. For several years, my coauthor and I surveyed by mail or interviewed in person a total of 175 pregnant women on the east and west coasts of the United States, as well as thirty-nine genetic counselors in seven cities.

Soon after we started our research, a new technique known as chorionic villus sampling (CVS) revolutionized prenatal testing. Unlike amniocentesis, which is usually performed between weeks fourteen and eighteen of pregnancy and requires several more weeks before results can be made available, CVS is done between weeks nine and eleven, with preliminary results available within days. (A few cases of birth defects, notably limb abnormalities, have been reported in babies whose mothers had CVS, but there is no proof that CVS caused these defects.) Due to the small risk of miscarriage associated with both CVS and amniocentesis (one-half of 1 percent for amnio, somewhat higher for CVS), the tests are recommended only for women with a higher-than-average chance of having an affected baby because of a family

history of hereditary abnormalities or because of “advanced” maternal age. This age is usually set at thirty-five. But fetal abnormalities may occur in the pregnancies of younger women, too, and more and more women are making the decision to get tested. Other prenatal tests, such as alpha fetoprotein (AFP) screening and sonograms, are now routinely performed in most pregnancies.

Carol (names have been changed to protect the respondents’ privacy) was thirty years old and in the sixth month of her first pregnancy when amniocentesis revealed that the fetus had Tay-Sachs, a disease that maims and kills its victims within the first few years of life. Carol checked into a local hospital for an abortion. She had known all along that both she and her husband were Tay-Sachs carriers; they had prepared (they believed) for the possibility of having to terminate the pregnancy if the fetus was affected (a one-in-four chance if both parents are carriers). Still, she recalled, the abortion was “psychologically and physically horrible.” The obstetrician assured her that the labor would be no worse than a normal menstrual period and would last about three hours. Instead, it continued for thirteen hours, and though she repeatedly asked for anesthesia, none was given in order not to “slow down the labor.”

“I was very much alone,” she said of the period following the abortion. Her mother urged her to stop grieving, and her husband grew increasingly impatient with her depression. Her father, from whom she had inherited the Tay-Sachs gene, felt devastated by guilt. Except for immediate family and a few close friends, Carol told no one of her ordeal. She feared people would criticize her for having an abortion or even for getting pregnant, knowing as she did that both she and her husband were carriers of a deadly disease. Months of therapy, a grief support group, and a new teaching job finally pulled her out of mourning.

When Carol got pregnant again, she flew from her midwestern home to Philadelphia to have CVS. This time the results were normal, and she delivered a healthy baby boy six months later. The damage to her marriage, however, never healed. A few years after Jason’s birth, she and her husband were divorced.

THANKS TO THE federally funded Human Genome Project, a projected three-billion-dollar, fifteen-year quest begun in 1990 to map and decipher all the genes in the human body, the number of conditions that can be diagnosed *in utero* continues to rise. Prenatal diagnosis can now detect not only whether a fetus has Down syndrome and Tay-Sachs, but also cystic fibrosis, sickle-cell anemia, and a host of other conditions. New discoveries fuel hopes for eventual treatments, but cures remain elusive. Today there is no treatment for most chromosomal and genetic disorders, and in cases of serious abnormalities, the only

WHEN ASKED to describe her work, medical ethicist Cynthia Bachner Cohen '56 responds that her terrain is "the beginnings and endings of life." A large part of her job involves framing the questions that physicians, policymakers and the general public must seek to answer as health technology advances.

In a telephone interview from her home and office in the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C., Cohen, currently a fellow at Georgetown University's Kennedy Center for Ethics and the former executive director of the National Advisory Board on Ethics in Reproduction, detailed the many ethical questions raised by prenatal testing. "There is an assumption that if a child is not 'healthy' then it's acceptable to terminate a pregnancy," she says. "That is far from an easy assumption, and it forces us to ask, What does it mean to be normal? How abnormal does a fetus have to be to terminate a pregnancy? What makes a kid abnormal?"

Cohen continues, "What does this say to people who are already with us who have disabilities? People interested in the rights of the disabled really should be looking very carefully at what's going on in this area of medicine."

Cohen's career in medical ethics began as the field itself was evolving. She started out studying philosophy at Barnard and then at Columbia College.

"I believe I was the first woman to take philosophy classes at Columbia," she says. "After I took all the courses Barnard had to offer, a special arrangement had to be worked out for me to take classes across the street."

Cohen went on to get her doctorate in philosophy from Columbia and began teaching and writing. In the early 1970s, she chaired the philosophy department at the University of Denver. Her husband, Dr. Peter J. Cohen, was chairman of the department of anesthesiology at the University of Colorado's medical center.

"My husband's colleagues started to ask me questions about ethical issues they were confronting," says Cohen. "Things branched out from there." In the mid-



Ethical Puzzles

By Diane Webber '90

1980s, Cohen, a mother of three, studied health law at the University of Michigan in order to be able to respond, she explains, when the doctors she advised questioned the law on certain issues. "After I got my law degree, I could tell them quite honestly that the law didn't say anything [about prenatal testing] at the time. Now there are a number of cases on the books."

There are also policy recommendations for the courts and hospitals to use as reference points, which Cohen has played a major role in developing. She helped write guidelines for withdrawing life-sustaining treatment from terminally ill patients, and she is currently working on a similar set of guidelines on issues regarding reproduction as well as a book exploring ethical issues in Intensive Care units.

Cohen expects that the future will bring relief from some of the moral questions prenatal testing raises, as well as new concerns. Particularly, she cites two new tests on the technological horizon that are less invasive than amniocentesis and CVS and can be performed earlier in a pregnancy. Fetal cell sorting, according to Cohen, isolates serum cells sloughed off by the fetus into the mother's bloodstream. It requires a maternal blood sample, can be performed at ten weeks gestation, and can therefore detect genetic abnormalities in time for a first-trimester abortion. It is likely to become widely available within the next several years.

A second test, known as pre-implantation genetic diagnosis and currently avail-

able only for couples using *in vitro* fertilization, separates one cell from an embryo at the eight-cell stage. If genetic defects are found, that embryo is not implanted in the mother's uterus.

"In that case, no abortion has taken place," Cohen says. "It seems to be a being whose moral status is not as significant as a fetus or even an implanted embryo. It is a sort of pre-embryo."

Cohen acknowledges pre-implantation genetic diagnosis as a major advance that saves couples who have struggled with infertility for some time the agonizing decision to abort a wanted fetus. It could also be used by couples with-

out fertility problems who are at great risk of passing on a genetic defect, she says. But for Cohen the technology also raises the specter of "the commodification of children."

One can imagine a world in which near-perfect people donate eggs and sperm and the resulting embryos, thoroughly tested, are sold to the highest bidders. The idea concerns Cohen. "Are children going to become products sold in the open market at the pre-birth stage? Are we going to start treating them as objects? How will this affect the children themselves?" Cohen emphasizes, however, that one need not peer into the future to find moral dilemmas raised by prenatal testing, and that these dilemmas are still largely considered to be women's problems.

"When you look at the literature from women who have had abortions after a prenatal test you see them using language like murder and infanticide to describe it, and yet at the same time they talk about a moral responsibility to spare the child an existence of suffering and pain," says Cohen. "There is tremendous conflict and guilt here."

Cohen believes people need to talk more openly and more often about these issues and that women need more of a support network for the decisions they make regarding prenatal testing. "Currently, the entire burden is put on women to be gatekeepers deciding who should be born and who shouldn't," said Cohen. "It's a tremendous pressure."

alternative to bearing a disabled or sick child is to terminate the pregnancy. As historian Ruth Schwartz Cowan '61, who has been working on a history of prenatal testing since 1987, has written, "For the foreseeable future, the ethical and social implications of the Human Genome Project are going to be inextricable from the ethical and social implications of abortion."

Women who opt for prenatal diagnosis generally accept the possibility of abortion; otherwise they would sensibly stay away. But our research found that the very process of visualizing and testing the fetus makes the prospect of losing it much harder to bear. Debbie, a 1970 graduate of Barnard, had traveled to Mexico for an abortion during her college years, as legal abortions were not allowed in the United States at the time. At age thirty-nine, she found herself facing the prospect of another abortion. A married mother of two, she had not planned the pregnancy and knew her husband did not want any more children. She decided to have prenatal diagnosis and terminate the pregnancy if an abnormality were diagnosed. When the sonogram showed twins and amniocentesis determined them healthy, she knew that terminating the pregnancy was out of the question.

MEDICAL PIONEERS ASSUMED that early testing (CVS, in particular) would greatly appeal to prospective parents, and possibly even eradicate major defects in future generations. After all, abortion is simpler, cheaper, and safer in the first trimester than in the second. In the second trimester the fetus's movements, its rapidly approaching viability outside the womb, and the mother's growing attachment are inescapable. But in the words of

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one physician who performs CVS and counsels couples having the procedure, the decision is rarely simple. "Quite honestly, if the results are abnormal, what I have seen in the families is that it is devastating whether it's in the first trimester or second. . . . It hurts just as much whether they are at twelve weeks or eighteen weeks, because they wanted that baby."

THE GENETIC COUNSELORS we interviewed stressed the importance of parents' autonomy in making reproductive choices. Indeed, they are enjoined by a strict professional code to place the parents' wishes, not the interests of society, above all other considerations. By imparting information they intend to empower parents to make "rational" decisions—rational in the context of the parents' own values and life situations. But our study revealed that knowledge often confuses and paralyzes rather than empowers. Numeric odds are an abstraction to most people, particularly when the stakes are very high. A couple's interpretation of the odds and their decisions regarding whether to be tested, which test to have, and what to do about the results are deeply affected by their own fears, history, and education. Despite all the precautions, decisions are inevitably colored by what is said and not said at the counseling session itself.

Vickie and Barbara are professors at the same university. Both women were in their late thirties when they got pregnant with their first child. Neither had a family history of genetic defects; for both women the odds of having a child with a chromosomal abnormality such as Down syndrome were about one in 200. Vickie, a nursing instructor, had cared for many severely handicapped children. During her pregnancy, she became obsessed with the possibility of a fetal abnormality. And, by her own admission, she greatly overestimated the odds of this occurrence: "I was trying to prepare my husband for it. I think he had the feeling, with all of the focus that I gave it, that I was planning on it, that a handicapped kid was a likely outcome." Despite her overwhelming fears, Vickie eventually talked herself out of having any testing since she knew that most health problems in children are not chromosome-related: "If you want a healthy child," she says, "chromosomes are the least of your problems."

Barbara had planned to have CVS, but when she heard that the miscarriage risks of CVS exceeded those of amniocentesis by about one-half to 1 percentage point, she decided against it. Eventually, she told us, she chose amniocentesis, not wanting to take a greater risk than "necessary" with her fetus. No one had told her, however, that should an abnormality be found, abortion following amniocentesis could be much more traumatic than one following CVS. In fact, few genetic counselors mention this fact, and fewer clients are aware of it. Fortunately, both Vickie and Barbara had healthy babies.

LIKE ALL TECHNOLOGICAL advances, prenatal diagnosis has entailed unintended and often unanticipated consequences. The legal and ethical, as well as the personal, issues have become increasingly complex (see sidebar, page 23). Some in the anti-abortion movement oppose a woman's

right to abortion for any reason, including abnormality, and though legal, abortions are difficult or impossible to get in some parts of the country; particularly the mid-pregnancy abortions required by amniocentesis. The *raison d'être* of prenatal diagnosis itself, then, is endangered by the growing restrictions on abortion.

And yet among those committed to reproductive choice there are increasing misgivings about genetic testing. As more and more conditions become detectable and as the risks of testing decline, the pressure women feel to undergo prenatal testing and to abort an affected fetus intensifies. A woman who refuses to be tested or to terminate an affected pregnancy may be criticized as irresponsible, or she may be denied health insurance or employment. At present there is no law against discrimination on the basis of genetic tests.

Perhaps one of the most ethically troubling consequences of prenatal testing is the disclosure of the baby's sex *in utero*. While for many parents finding out that they are having a girl or a boy adds to the thrill of knowing that the baby will be healthy and that they can keep the pregnancy, for others the fetus's sex may signal a bitter disappointment. Donna, a forty-year-old businesswoman expecting her first child, had always wanted a daughter. She initially planned to adopt a little girl, but her husband insisted on a biological child. When she

found out through CVS that she was carrying a boy, Donna was devastated, and the disappointment lasted for the remaining six months of the pregnancy.

A few couples we spoke with contemplated aborting healthy fetuses of the "wrong" sex. Danielle unexpectedly got pregnant four months after the birth of her third daughter. Without telling her husband about the pregnancy, she sought CVS, knowing that she might abort if it turned out to be another girl. Instead, she was "very relieved to find out it was a boy"—the first boy in her husband's family. It was not clear whether she would have carried out her plan to abort a female fetus.

Although abortion for sex selection is rare in Western countries, in those segments of Chinese, Moslem, and Indian societies where there is a strong cultural preference for sons, female feticide is widespread. Governmental condemnation and penalties have not slowed down its growth. This phenomenon has been fueled by the increasing availability of early diagnostic technologies.

Most ethicists and genetic counselors, as well as the American public, strongly condemn this practice. Every genetic counselor and nearly all the mothers we interviewed were deeply troubled by what they perceived as both an abuse of medical technology and a violation of the sanctity of motherhood. Ethicists warn that sex selection could be used as a weapon by anti-abortion activists

TWO DAYS BEFORE Christmas, obstetrician Terri Gallen Edersheim '76 delivered quite a bounty: premature quadruplets, the product of *in vitro* fertilization. Edersheim, covering for her partner, had to perform a Caesarean section. After delivery, the children and their mother were fine—remarkably so, given the circumstances.

While Edersheim's private East Side practice includes women with "normal" pregnancies and deliveries, she specializes in those at high risk. Some cases involve

births (singular and multiple) resulting from *in vitro*. Others are women who want to get pregnant in spite of health problems—such as diabetes, DES exposure, hypertension, or lupus—and those who face chemotherapy and want to know the dangers involved for the fetus and for themselves.

"Patients tell me right away what's important to them," says Edersheim, on staff at New York Hospital. "A straightforward conversation must go on about their priorities. Because the biological pressure to have a baby is so enormous, sometimes women can't be dissuaded even with risks like dialysis or blindness. I'm not sure I would be that brave." However, says Edersheim, "No matter what, the mother's life comes first."

Given the multiple problems Edersheim's patients often face, they frequently undergo prenatal testing, in the form of amniocentesis or the newer chorionic villus sampling (CVS).

"Testing doesn't obligate a patient to do anything," says Eder-



sheim, "but it allows us to sit down and talk about the baby's potential." Edersheim has worked on developing CVS testing, which presents a slightly higher miscarriage rate than does amniocentesis, though it may be performed in the first trimester (to have amnio, a woman must wait until her second trimester). She explains that one of the benefits of CVS is that it "has fewer complications, and allows

a woman to have a more private decision if she chooses to have an abortion. Not everyone knows she's preg-

nant and she hasn't yet felt the baby moving."

Some of Edersheim's patients, particularly those with strong religious beliefs, don't want to be tested because they oppose abortion. Others have the test but opt to carry full-term, no matter the results.

Edersheim, the mother of a six-year-old daughter and step-mother of two teenaged boys, decided to become a doctor at the age of ten. The choice to go into obstetrics came later, when as a student at Albert Einstein Medical School she noticed that "men in the bottom 10 percent of the class were going to go into ob-gyn. Even at Einstein—which is progressive—it was clear that women were talked down to and obstetricians would tell them not to worry their little heads."

Still, cost of malpractice insurance, \$70,000 to \$90,000 a year, is a deterrent for anyone, she admits. "We get sued all the time. The feeling is that any bad outcome must be our fault."

High Risk, High Reward

By Ruth Bayard Smith '72

to undermine both the legal right to abortion and the availability of genetic services. At the same time, however, genetic counselors voiced a strong commitment to a woman's right to choose abortion for any reason: "If you're pro-choice, you can't weigh reasons," one counselor said. Indeed, sociologist Dorothy Wertz and ethicist John Fletcher, in an international survey of clinical geneticists, found that a growing number are beginning to accept sex selection as a reason for prenatal diagnosis.

Some ethicists point out that the profession may have to take a stand on the appropriate and inappropriate uses of the technology since value neutrality may imply unacceptable moral relativism. Bioethicist Arthur L. Caplan, in his book *Prescribing Our Future*, charges that the principle of value neutrality leaves counselors "powerless in the face of what may be immoral requests on the part of clients" to abort for reasons that are "frivolous, silly, or malicious." Further, it forces them to remain silent in the face of public policy issues arising from the Human Genome Project. "Value neutrality," writes Caplan, "discourages those in the field from coming to grips with the central ethical question that now confronts the field—how to define genetic disease and disorder in order to lay out appropriate targets for testing and counseling."

IN THE END, our study convinced us that genetic testing, for all the troubling personal, legal, and ethical issues it raises, is an important medical breakthrough. Prenatal testing has helped countless women to control their reproductive lives and to have healthy babies. But there is another public policy caveat that needs to be addressed. The publicity given to genetic testing has led parents, practitioners, and policymakers to focus on conditions that can be diagnosed *in utero*. These, however, are a small proportion of all serious childhood disorders. Many more disabilities result from the birth process; others are the product of poverty, domestic abuse, and inadequate prenatal care. If our goal—as educated women, mothers, and members of a caring society—is healthy babies, focusing on the relatively small number of disabilities that can be screened genetically is myopic. Without minimizing the importance of prenatal genetic testing, we need to advocate policies that will provide all women with adequate prenatal care and eradicate inequalities in access to health care.

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JOANNA H. FANOS '67 was fifteen when her older sister died of cystic fibrosis. Fanos had spent years witnessing her sister's treatment at Children's Hospital in Boston, where she had also on occasion been examined by physicians.

"As a child," she recalls, "I was exposed to lots of tests, so many that I thought I must be dying."

It was no surprise, then, that when Fanos earned her doctorate in human development from the psychology department of the University of California at San Francisco, she studied the long-term developmental consequences

of cystic fibrosis siblings. Or that she has written a book entitled *Sibling Loss: Surviving a Chronically Ill Sibling* (currently under review) and has recently completed a study, funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), based on interviews with eighty-four adult cystic fibrosis siblings and thirty of their spouses.

Fanos, who recently left the California Pacific Medical Center in Oakland to take the post of visiting investigator at the NIH's National Center for Human Genome Research in Bethesda, Maryland, is interested in the factors that motivate or discourage cystic fibrosis carrier testing. When the cystic fibrosis gene was discovered in the late 1980s, she explains, scientists expected all potential carriers to rush to be tested. "We originally thought we would need to train genetic counselors to meet the demand. That just isn't happening. Family members are not being tested, and we wanted to learn why."



Many of the cystic fibrosis siblings she interviewed spoke of strong feelings of guilt or denial and of practical concerns about fears of insurance discrimination. Some chose to be tested to gain genetic information for their own childbearing decisions; in order for a child to be born with cystic fibrosis, both parents must be carriers. Others "simply did not want to know they were carriers." At times,

Fanos explains, interviewees implied that the testing might be seen as disloyal to their afflicted siblings. "The message to cystic fibrosis siblings who are considering being tested for the gene

Sibling Study

By Ruth Bayard Smith '72

is often, 'How can you even *think* of being tested?'"

In addition, Fanos pinpointed a great deal of what she terms "survivor guilt."

"Some siblings believed it was unfair they hadn't gotten cystic fibrosis and suffered when their brother or sister had," she says.

While Fanos may have responded to the formative events of her childhood in determining her career, her path at Barnard took a detour through art history and an extended post-graduation trip to Florence, Italy to "look at art."

Today, Fanos's work has implications beyond the cystic fibrosis gene, and as genes of specific diseases are increasingly identified, she worries that people will subject children to excessive testing. "More and more people will say, 'Oh, test my children,' and I can see that all sorts of problems and public misunderstandings may develop about genetics."

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A Feather on the Breath of God

The first time I ever heard my father speak Chinese was at Coney Island. We were walking along the boardwalk when we ran into the four Chinese men. My mother told the story often, as if she thought we'd forgotten. "You kids didn't know them and neither did I. They were friends of your father's, from Chinatown. You'd never heard Chinese before. You stood there with your mouths hanging open . . ."

One of the men gave each of my sisters and me a dollar bill. I cashed mine into dimes and set out to win a goldfish. A dime bought you three chances to toss a Ping-Pong ball into one of the many small fishbowls, each holding a quivering tangerine-colored fish. Overexcited, I threw recklessly, again and again. When all the dimes were gone I ran back to the grown-ups in tears. The man who had given me the dollar tried to give me another, but my parents wouldn't allow it. He pressed the bag of peanuts he had been eating into my hands and said I could have them all.

I never saw any of those men again or heard anything about them. They were the only friends of my father's that I would ever meet. I would hear him speak Chinese again, but very seldom. In Chinese restaurants, occasionally on the telephone, once or twice in his sleep, and in the hospital when he was dying.

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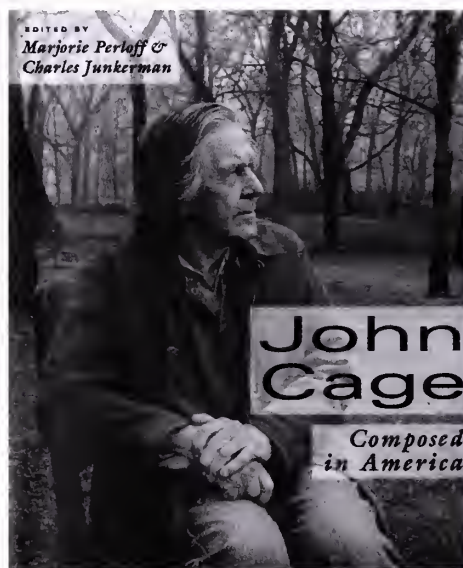
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Writing in France**

by Serge Gavronsky, Professor of French
University of California, 1994, \$42/18.95

Dictionary of Russian Women Writers

co-edited by Marina Ledkovsky,
Professor of Russian

Greenwood Press, 1994, \$145

Winner of The Heldt Prize for the best book
in Slavic Women's Studies in 1994

EXCERPT

Crews



The loneliness in Shank's life was overwhelming. He was lonely at home, where his mother barely paid any attention to him. And he was lonely in the new world of New York City. So for two years, Shank concentrated on school and he learned English. He was a good student, his grades averaging in the nineties. Even that, he says, didn't bring much praise from his mother.

In school, Shank was called a hick and a nerd, but he didn't yet realize he was being made fun of. He couldn't understand why other kids slapped him or tripped him in the school hallways. Inside, Shank's loneliness was finding a new partner—anger.

Shank met the guys from the 20 Park crew through a girl who liked him. . . . The first night the crew took Shank to hang out, they smoked weed, drank Southern Comfort, jumped a subway turnstile, and beat up an innocent bystander, a vic. In the craziness of that first night Shank kicked the person in the head while his crew beat him up. "It was like euphoria," he says. "It was like I was possessed . . ."

Anger is Shank's best friend. Anger is always with him and whenever he needs it, it is there.

shank: I was thinking today, no matter what you do in this life, somebody is always gonna be against you. I was thinking that no matter where you go in this world you ain't gonna find peace until you die. And I was thinking today how I tried to get out, but I can't stop the way I am bad and become whatever it is that I want to be unless everybody goes along with that change, too, or at least everybody I know that has been a part of my life from when these changes start-

ed happening in me. And I guess that's why I am trying to get my friends to change too.

mh: 'Cause that would make it easier for you to change.

shank: Yeah. And I realize that is the only way it's gonna happen, and since no one is cooperating then I am just gonna have to remain like this.

mh: Is it really anger that you have inside of you, Shank?

shank: I don't know. That's the closest explanation. I feel pressure. Like something real dense here, in the center of my chest. I even feel like I'm going to lose my breath when I talk about it. It's like it wants to get out. Whatever is holding it back—my conscience—is like a door and that stuff inside is slamming against it—like pop, pop, pop. Yet my conscience . . . or whatever it is . . . my good judgment's strength is not infinite. That's how I feel. I feel tired, exhausted of holding it back.

mh: In your mind and memory and your heart and soul, when you think about what has happened in the past, is there something that you did with your own two hands that was the thing you feel worst about?

shank: [He kind of groans and mumbles.] I never felt bad. I never shot nobody. I am scared of guns. I think it's unfair to die for a gun. I consider myself a warrior and if you're gonna fight, you give the person a chance to defend themselves and there is no way to defend yourself against a gun. So I never believed in them. I felt the power that comes from them. Once you have a gun you feel like you are on top of the world. But I've never used one. I've used knives and my hands most of the time. . . .

A LADY WHO WROTE

FOR MUCH OF the late 1910s and 1920s, Dorothy Parker, Alexander Woollcott, Harpo Marx, Robert Benchley, and others met daily for lunch and clever conversation at the Algonquin Hotel. From the beginning, the witty asides and snide barbs heard at the Algonquin Round Table made for amusing copy. (And the focus of a new film, *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle*.) One of the lesser-known Round Table regulars was Alice Duer Miller '99, an aristocrat with a self-described "rowdy" streak. A writer of popular novels of love among the rich, Miller brought an element of class to the sometimes rambunctious Round Table crowd but could trade quips with the best of them.

She set her fiction in the world she was born into—New York's closed circle of old money. Miller "came out" in the company of Van Rensselaers, Livingstons, and Gracies but her family lost its fortune in the Baring Bank crisis of the early 1890s. Miller then scandalized her blue-blooded friends by studying mathematics at Barnard and financing her education through the sale of stories, essays, and poems to *Harpers* and *Scribners* magazines.

Upon graduation, Miller moved to Costa Rica with her husband, Henry Wise Miller; there, they attempted to make a fortune in rubber. Four years later, the young couple and their son, Denning, returned to New York flat broke. Miller took a job teaching at a girls' school and with characteristic energy threw herself into fighting for women's suffrage. From 1914 to 1917, she used wit and satire to argue for the vote in her *New York Tribune* weekly column, "Are Women People?" She also founded the Women's City Club of New York and was one of the first eight women to join the Authors' Club, a formerly all-male bastion of writers founded by Mark Twain.

By the mid-teens, Miller had churned out a couple of moderately successful novels. Then, in 1916, she hit the bestseller list with *Come Out of the Kitchen*, a light comedic novel. This began a run of success for Miller that lasted until her death in 1942. Often her stories would be serialized in *Harper's Bazaar* or the *Saturday Evening Post*, and some were adapted for the stage or screen. (The play *Come Out of the Kitchen* ran for 224

Alice Duer Miller at play.

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performances on Broadway.) She also wrote poetry, which was published in the *New Republic* when some of the country's best poetry could be found in its pages.

In 1940, she wrote *The White Cliffs*, a prose poem about an American woman married to an Englishman in wartime. It sold more than 700,000 copies on both sides of the Atlantic. "The publicity man for my publishers telephones and asks very hesitantly if I would mind too much flying out to Cleveland or Boston or Washington to autograph books in one of the big stores. Mind! I enjoy every minute of it. I'm delighted to go," she said at the time.

Despite its popularity, Miller's work was never considered "serious." The author did not seem to mind, however. She openly admitted to writing "for the money," and she stuck to a daily routine of working from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., producing a stream of popular stories and poems. Some called her work potboilers, but it was "what the bootlegger calls the pure McCoy," wrote Harvey O'Higgins in a 1927 *New Yorker* profile. Like most writers, Miller found fiction "terribly difficult" and worried about running out of ideas. "All the writers I know live in perpetual terror lest they never have another idea—all, that is, except Noel Coward," she told the *Philadelphia Record* in 1941. "I must admit that I never saw any signs of terror in him—nor any dearth of ideas."

To her great delight, Miller was often summoned to Hollywood to serve as a sort of Emily Post of the society set, consulting with directors and writers on how the rich really behaved. She traveled comfortably between her two worlds, feeling at ease at society functions and at the summer retreat on Lake Bomoseen in Castleton, Vermont, that she co-owned with Woolcott, Harpo Marx, Neysa McMein, and other assorted bohemians. She never lost her love of Barnard, calling herself a "grateful grad" in public and in private (she became a trustee in 1922).

"No one was ever more respectable than Alice Duer Miller and had so little respect for respectability," wrote one colleague of her. She admired the prose of Henry James and wrote sentimental potboilers. She named her cat Julian the Apostate and was an avid New York Giants baseball fan. "At cards, she belonged to the school that believes you can scream your way out of bad luck," wrote her husband in his 1945 memoir, *All Our Lives*. "She read only two periodicals, *The New Yorker* and *Scripta Mathematica*, but she knew more damned things, from the Episcopal hymnal to the words mahouts use with their elephants."

Miller spent her sixty-eight years writing, reading, laughing, talking, and always listening. "She wanted nothing from real life," wrote her husband, "but the materials for a story."—*Claire Keller*

Members of the Algonquin Round Table at their Vermont Square Table, visible left to right: drama critic Alexander Woolcott, Miller, and cartoonist Charles Lederer.

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, the Office of Alumnae Affairs is asked any number of questions about services available to alumnae at Barnard, privileges they enjoy on campus, and some of the "nuts and bolts" of college life. Answers to some of these questions are given below.

The address for all Barnard College offices is 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027-6598. All phones are in the 212 area code. The Office of Alumnae Affairs is located in Room 224 Milbank Hall and is open Monday to Friday from 9 to 5; the telephone number is 854-2005.

I've heard that alumnae can audit courses. Is there a fee? How do I sign up?

Most courses taught by Barnard faculty members are open to alumnae for no credit at no charge. The permission of the instructor is the only requirement. (Laboratory and studio courses, seminars, and courses in foreign languages, architecture, education, and writing are generally not open to auditors.) Catalogs and other information are available from the Office of Alumnae Affairs. There is no formal deadline for registration but auditors are encouraged to sign up during registration week or the first week of classes. The Fall term will begin on September 5th.

Can I use the Barnard Library even if I'm not taking courses in the University?

Yes. All alumnae have access to and may borrow books from Barnard's Wollman Library, in Lehman Hall, with an alumna card. To obtain a card, come to the Office of Alumnae Affairs. There is no fee for borrowing privileges; alumnae are subject to the same library policies as students. For more information, call the Circulation Desk (854-3846).

The alumna card can also be used to obtain a Columbia University library card, which grants access to reading rooms and stacks free of charge. Borrowing privileges at Columbia libraries are available for a fee. For details, call the Library Information Office (854-2271).

Are there computers on the Barnard campus that I can use?

Yes. Alumnae may use the Academic Computer Center in Lehman Hall. You will need to show an alumna card and pay a maintenance fee of \$50 per year. For more information, call the Computer Center (854-7172).

I would like to stay near Barnard when I visit New York. Are there rooms available in the area?

Guest housing is no longer available at Barnard but alumnae may use the Landmark Guest Rooms at Union Theological Seminary, Broadway and 121st St. (280-1313), or the East Campus Hotel at Columbia (854-2946).

If I travel by car to visit the campus, where could I park?

All spaces in Barnard's garage are assigned to faculty and staff. Other nearby garages are at Riverside Church, 120th St. near Riverside Drive (222-5900, ext. 210); on 122nd St. between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue (866-5671); and at 3100 Broadway at LaSalle St. (864-9877).

I've lost my diploma. How can I get another one?

Send a notarized letter to the Office of the Registrar, stating that you have lost or misplaced your diploma. Include your name as it was when you graduated and a check for \$20 payable to Barnard College.

How can I get a copy of my Barnard transcript?

An official copy of a transcript bearing the seal of the College and the signature of the Registrar can be sent only to another institution, business concern, or government office, and only when requested in writing by the alumna. Requests should be sent to the Registrar; include your name while at Barnard, dates of attendance, and complete address instructions. Your signature must appear on the letter. The fee is \$3 per copy (payable to Barnard College).

My Barnard mail is addressed to me as "Mrs. John Doe." Like almost every woman I know, I now use my own name. Why doesn't Barnard adjust its records to reflect this change?

Names and titles on alumnae records are changed only at the request of the alumna concerned. The best way to have your record changed is to use the form which appears in every issue of *Barnard Magazine* (see page 53).

Although I went through Barnard with the Class of 19xx, I didn't get my degree until xx years later. Can you change my record so that I will get Reunion news and other mailings from my original class?

Yes. Write to Martha Valerio, Alumnae

Records Officer, 222 Milbank Hall. Explain what you would like to have done and your class affiliation will be corrected.

I know a young woman who is interested in attending Barnard. Is it possible for her to get a guided tour of the campus?

Yes. Tours led by student guides are available throughout the year. Individuals or groups are shown every part of the Barnard campus and get an overview of Columbia University. Appointments are recommended and can be made through the Office of Admissions (854-2014).

Is the Barnard pool or gym available for alumnae use?

Yes. Alumnae may use campus sports facilities during intramural and recreation hours throughout the academic year. There is an annual fee of \$40. In addition, physical education classes are open to alumnae auditors free of charge, space permitting. For more information, call the Physical Education Department, 209 Barnard Hall (854-2085).

I am planning to enter/re-enter/make a move within the working world. Can I get help from Barnard?

Absolutely. The Office of Career Services offers counseling for alumnae at every stage of career development (by appointment only). It also houses the Alumnae Contact File and an extensive library of vocational literature, sends out a Job Seekers Newsletter, and handles employer recommendations. For appointments or more information, call the Office of Career Services, 11 Milbank Hall (854-2033).

Can I purchase group insurance through Barnard?

There is no alumnae insurance program at Barnard but excess major medical and term life insurance are available through the Alumni Federation of Columbia University, Box 400 Central Mail Room (870-2535).



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Approaching her 100th birthday, **LUCY KARR MILBURN** is a resident of the McCutchen Nursing Home in North Plainfield, NJ, and continues to write verses—"not poetry," she says. She offers some advice to young and old: "Life expectancy is one day. If you live today, you can expect to live tomorrow. Live but a day at a time, do the best you can, be kind, and never borrow a sorrow."

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Barnard has received a copy of *Lucy Olga Lewton, PhD, Biochemist/Technical Librarian, 1900—*, sub-titled "An Autobiography of an Uneventful Life," which was completed in the author's 94th year. It is a charming book, with many family photos, and its subject matter certainly belies its sub-title. From the time of her birth in Yalta in 1900, through her youth, years at Barnard, and careers in various aspects of science, **LUCY LEWTON** has led a fascinating, active life. Her book will be added to the Barnard library.

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No news from any of us this time.

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MARION KAHN KAHN enjoyed the inauguration of Judith Shapiro as Barnard's president, where she represented our class in the academic procession.

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JULIA (JUDY) CAUFFMAN DRISCOLL sent word that her husband died in August. "Being in Pomperaug Woods, a life-care facility, assured us of excellent care, but it's a lonely life, anyway. I've resumed my volunteer work at Waterbury Hospital and visited my son and his family in California."

WINNIFRED LITTLE writes from Wilton, CT: "I am 86 years old and I am in excellent health."

Also in Wilton, **NINA RAYEVSKY LIEF** is "still at work as Director, Early Childhood Development Center of the Center for Comprehensive Health Practice, affiliate of NY Medical College. Divide time between NYC and Connecticut, which is home with

daughter **CARLOTTA LIEF SCHUSTER, MD '57**. Granddaughter Amanda graduated in June from NYU, where her father is professor of chemistry.

CONSTANCE SMITH BEATUS wrote: "As a rule I have nothing noteworthy but this past year has been very exciting. At long last I became a great-grandmother. My grandson had a little girl Jan. 29th and my granddaughter had a little girl May 2nd. As for myself, I don't do much of anything except play a lot of duplicate bridge, which I enjoy."

RUTH PERL KAHN: "Irving and I spent a few days in Washington, DC, to celebrate my 89th birthday and our 63rd wedding anniversary (we had had a two-day honeymoon in Washington)."

LOUISE FEUER: "Now that many friends are missing, phone calls have taken a dive. Relief came in a program sponsored by NYANA, an organization that Americanizes Russian immigrants, using telephone calls to help them improve their conversational skills. My phone pal is a 60-year-old woman who is a quick learner with a sense of humor."

RUTH RICHARDS EISENSTEIN
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Although it has been more than three years since the death of **FRANCES MCGEE BECKWITH's** husband Royal, it is not too late to mention that he is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. A Marine Corps hero, he was awarded two purple hearts and a silver star for his war service and was buried with full military honors.

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We record with sorrow the passing several years ago of **MARGARET CARRIGAN**. She graciously left a bequest to Barnard which was recently received. In July 1994 **MARGARET WILSON MCCUTCHEON** passed away. To both families we offer our deepest sympathy.

EUGENIE CHEROFF AMES, a graduate of Juilliard, is preparing two chamber music concerts, with piano quartets and piano/cello. In a nostalgic mood, she recalled her joyful hours of studies in Greek at Barnard and further back at Bryant HS, when she taught Greek during lunch hours to a boy whose interest was phonetic spelling. The reference is to Edgar Gregersen's "nu speling," which luckily did not catch on. She and her husband, Russell, write from their home in Oaxaca, Mexico, of many home exchanges over the years, 25-30 times in 13 countries. This has taken them to Turkey, Paris and Languedoc, Cheshire and Wales. Projects for 1995 are London and Aix-les-Bains.

MOVING? REDECORATING?

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OF EVERYBODY'S THRIFT SHOP
WOULD WELCOME YOUR EXTRAS
212-355-9263

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53 PEBBLE PATH
BREWSTER, MA 02631

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Having mentioned the passing of **RITA ROSENTHAL MORRISON** in the last issue, we can only add that an account of her life appeared in these pages several years ago. She spent many years in theatre, in NY and Los Angeles, and made a documentary film on the painter C. Soutine which won the *Lion d'Or* at the Venice Biennale and has now become a classic. In addition she and her husband helped build three hospitals and founded an international foundation that supported scientific and medical research.

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DOROTHY BELLE FURTSCH writes that she is great-grandmother of two boys and is feeling fine.

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Volunteer activities link the responses received by the class secretary. Barnard BAs have been supplemented by further degrees, and, of course, we all love travel.

CONSTANCE CRUSE BUTLER has lived in many cities and has always volunteered—with the Camden, ME, library board, conservation commission, and hospital auxiliary; with the Burnsville, NC, humane society, hospice, and chamber of commerce. Burnsville is where Connie and her husband, Brad, have somewhat settled down after years of travel all over the USA and Europe, wherever Brad was stationed as a career army officer. Connie writes, "Volunteering opens windows and allows us to meet interesting and caring people of all ages! Keeps us alert!" In spite of all the travel, Connie earned a master's in education at George Washington U.

LIBBIE DUNN ZUCKER has been a life-long volunteer with Hadassah and is vp of that organization for the Connecticut Region. Her volunteer life has been reinforced by her professional life in the field of guidance; she was the first guidance counselor for junior high level students and a vice-principal of B'Nai Israel Hebrew School in New Britain. She combined this with raising two children and earning a master's at Trinity College. She also did advanced studies toward a doctorate at the U of Hartford. Libbie and husband Sidney have traveled to China and Australia and are contemplating their 13th trip to Israel.

The class sends condolences to Dr. Albert Rosenberg and other members of the family of **ELMA SAMUELS ROSENBERG**, who died this past July. And to the family of **CAROLINE ATZ HASTORF**, who died October 26 at the Kateri Residence in NYC. She is survived by her son Peter, of Taipei, Taiwan, with whom she made her home until her confinement at Kateri in recent years.

Keep sending Class Notes. Your correspondent would like to make a composite profile of the surviving members of 1932, how our lives today relate to our college years.

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Our president, **OLGA BENDIX**, represented the class in the glorious academic procession from the campus to the inauguration of Barnard's new president in October. Olga and her sister were refreshed by their summer trip to the Canadian Rockies, almost (!) ready for the trauma of selling their homes and moving to a condo in the fall.

FLORENCE DICKENSON O'CONNELL has moved with her daughter Janet to a duplex in a condo development. Daughter Donna and family helped with the move. They had to cancel a trip to Portugal last summer but Florence made a brief visit 'up north' in October to attend the wedding of her oldest grandson, who is 31. Her youngest grandchild is 4—"some spread!"

BERENICE GOTTFRIED DE AENLLE's son Conrad has inherited his mother's wanderlust. After five years writing for the *International Herald Tribune* in Paris, he "got an offer he couldn't refuse from a global company in the finance business, his forte, and headquartered in London." Sounds like a great travel destination to us!

GENA TENNEY PHENIX's charming thank you notes have elicited the following items: **ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG WOOD** does laps in an indoor pool, up to a third of a mile at a time. We envy her. **META GLASSER NEUBERGER** is putting family history and anecdotes on tape for future generations. This is even better than a Grandma book.

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The class of 1934 can be very proud of one of its most distinguished members, **CATHERINE STRATEMAN SIMS**. A history major, she spent many years on the faculty of Agnes Scott College, where her former students have established the Catherine S. Sims Faculty Enrichment Fund as a tribute to her. She also served as dean of the American College for Girls in Istanbul and dean of Sweet Briar College but returned to Agnes Scott as a visiting professor and served for a year as interim dean. An officer of the national Phi Beta Kappa Society from 1982 to 1985, she is a longtime member of the Senate of this prestigious group. Author of several textbooks on British constitutional history, she continues to lecture on current topics. She was happily married for 49 years and has been a widow for the past six. A favorite pastime is travel, especially to France and England. Kay says she will always be grateful to Barnard and the role models she found there, and the wonderful start they gave her life.

Our class president, **GRACE HUNTLEY PUGH**, has written to share the excitement of the inauguration of Barnard's new president on October 27: "It was a magnificent day and Barnard never looked more festive: radiant faces, beautiful flowers, colorful swaying balloons, even dancers on stilts! My Barnard '76 daughter Gigi and I arrived early enough to have time to explore—you would never believe McIntosh

Center could look so glamorous!....As your representative in the academic procession, I wore a cap and gown for the first time in 60 years—how it took me back to our graduation! **MARGARET GRISTEDE MACBAIN**, a former alumnae trustee, walked with me from Barnard's front gate, along Broadway, around two corners, and into the glorious Riverside Church, with joyous music as we strode along on the heels of the student representatives. Since we "oldsters" were leading the alumnae part of the procession, we were seated first and could enjoy the colorful academic gowns and hoods of the Barnard faculty and delegates from so many colleges and universities as they went to their places—what a spectacle! I hope you saw the photos in the last issue of this magazine and read President Shapiro's inaugural address—Barnard is indeed in good hands, and it was wonderful to be part of this whole, unforgettable day, even in a small way."

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COME TO REUNION—MAY 19-20

The Barnard Bear magnets announcing the dates of Reunion brought 19 responses. As of the end of October Aline Blumner, Vivian Darling, Mildred Kreeger Davidson, Ruth Saberski Goldenheim, Marion Meurlin Gregory, Kay Heavey, Mildred Wells Hughes, Jean Blackwell Hutson, Mary Selee Lawson, Mary Harris Legg, Ruth Bedford McDaniel, Marie Leis Pearce, Dorothy Atlee Reeve, Dorothy Nolan Sherman, Mildred Fishman Stein, Violet Hopwood Sudekum, Freema Balloff Sutton, Lillian Dick Terris, Louise Chin Yang were all hoping to be there. It will be wonderful to see old friends—please come!

KAY HEAVEY sent some notes about the inauguration of Barnard's new president in October: "A questioning stranger, wandering under the arch of colored balloons over the Barnard gate and passing the red, yellow, and blue streamers whipping in the wind, hearing a band, seeing above the crowd exotically costumed dancing figures on tall stilts, noticing tables of cider and doughnuts on the library lawn, might have thought it was a carnival—this was the reception after the investiture of the new president at Riverside Church. Class president **MILDRED KREEGER DAVIDSON** (back two nights before from an Elderhostel session in New Mexico) was in the academic procession, as was **RUTH SABERSKI GOLDENHEIM**, a past president of the Associate Alumnae. Also seen at the inauguration were **DOROTHY NOLAN SHERMAN** and husband Alden, **EDITH KANE MORRISON**, and **DORIS SCHLOSS ROSENTHAL**. Other classmates may have been there but it was impossible to see everyone in the crowd. The three-week-old daughter of faculty member Paula Loscocco, held by her aunt while her mother walked in the procession, was probably the youngest person ever to attend the inaugural of a Barnard president.

"In Altschul Hall was a display of many photos of the campus. A caption under a picture of the old 'jungle' stated that a botany class had catalogued 45 species of plants there, and Fern Yates had identified 35 different birds."

Kay ended her note with the comment that 71 of our classmates have died. The most recent addition to this sad list is the name of **BLANCHE GOLDMAN ETRA**, who succumbed to leukemia in January.

Classmates who wish to honor Blanche or remember other cherished friends in this Reunion year are invited to make special memorial contributions to Barnard's Annual Fund.

The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the NY Public Library held a Celebration of **JEAN BLACKWELL HUTSON** in January, a tribute to Jean in her 80th birthday year. The program filled an entire weekend and included a symposium and dinner, honoring her leadership in the establishment of the Schomburg Center as a world-class research library.

A great note came from **MARJORIE NATANSON MEYERS** of Long Boat Key, FL. She has been busy these past four years in the Guardian ad Litem Program, in which the interests of children who are dependent on the court are protected. This involves investigations of all those connected with the child, many visits with the child and family, and reports to the judge. She has just resigned from her position there, exciting and rewarding though it was, to spend more time on her stone sculptures, tennis, and golf.

A great letter also came from **YOLANDA LIPARI TIPAGRAPH**. After college she became a translator of Spanish and French for a radio company. Later she married and helped her husband in his importing business in Mexico City. When he died she continued the business in NY for a year and then worked for 35 years as office manager for an import business and liaison between factories in Europe and US and Canadian customers. Now she works only three days a week so has more time for other interests: opera, theatre, reading, and volunteer work. When she retires completely, maybe in February, she would love to teach and work one-to-one with children who need special help. She has been to Hawaii and the Scandinavian countries and hopes to go next to Australia and New Zealand. She also expects to be at Reunion in May.

My notes from a short visit in August with **LILLIAN DICK TERRIS** over coffee in Burlington, VT, include the following: She has a son in Menlo Park and a grandson. Her first husband, Louis, died in 1968. She and her second husband, Milt, have been very active in health care throughout the hemisphere. She is on the board of governors of the Medical Center Hospital in Burlington and, with her husband, edits and publishes the *Journal of Public Health Policy*.

See you at Reunion!

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Class president **VIVIAN NEALE**, who represented 1936 at the inauguration of President Judith Shapiro, sent a report of the occasion. She noted that the weather was perfect and the "servizio" at the luncheon was especially good. The procession was long, with Ellen Futter and Mrs. McIntosh walking together, and Riverside Church was full. Afterwards cider and doughnuts were served all about the campus and a brass band played for two ladies dancing on stilts. "All told, 'twas a colorful family affair."

From Big Arm, Montana, came an autographed copy of *Music for All*, **HELEN DYKEMA DENGLER's** biography of her father; "a 23-year labor of love" is how she described it. Peter Dykema was a pioneer in music education who served for many years as head of that department at Teachers College. Helen's book traces the history of her family from Holland

and Ireland to Michigan. It is a fascinating record of the development of a captivating personality and a distinguished career. A copy will be added to the Alumnae Authors collection in the Barnard library.

Helen's letter talks of her life in two homes: "Right now I'm winterizing my home here on Flathead Lake in Montana, putting my 25-year-old organic garden to bed, and packing up for my trip to Texas. I spend winters at Del Rio, on the Mexican border, where I'm very much involved with the performing arts. I was appointed head of the search committee for a concert grand piano for the theatre and of course ended up at the Steinway factory in NY, where I had the tantalizing task of deciding which of four 9-foot grands was the most suitable for our 700-seat theatre. It has been ten years since 'Mr. Big' arrived on our stage and I have managed to find ten wonderful groups of professionals to perform each year.... We are 'educating' Del Rio and developing a student audience with concert demonstrations...for students from all of Del Rio's schools—private and public...from 4th grade through senior high school....Kids who would never have the opportunity even to enter a theatre, let alone be exposed to fine classical music, are becoming 'seasoned concert-goers'!"

"Every once in a while a student is invited to perform and we are discovering wonderful talent in our Tex/Mex border world. Last year a senior in the high school chamber orchestra received a viola scholarship for college, a boy who never could have afforded further study, who had true talent for the viola. In a world gone mad about country western music, it's hard slugging to build an audience for classical music but we keep trying. The student concerts are by far the most exhilarating and they are a most wonderful, responsive audience."

My faithful correspondent SYLVIA SHIMBERG REAY wrote to tell me of her daughter Caroline's wedding in Portland, not knowing that I'd already had a report on it from JANE EISLER WILLIAMS (see Fall '94 issue). "When Caroline went to Portland to do her residency...she had a 'big sister' there already in Margie O'Connell, PEG BOWMAN REILLY's daughter....Alas, Peg is no longer with us, but the families are still intertwined. We were all slated to go to Joe Reilly's wedding (Peg's youngest son) when the L.A. earthquake scared us off, just two days before the wedding....The Barnard connection really is strong! I talked recently with ALICE ACKERMAN MARKWOOD and talk regularly with RHODA KLEIN BREITBART....And my ties reach out in both directions: RUTH RICHARDS EISENSTEIN '28 and BETTY HAMNETT '45 are both in my calling circle."

Sylvia and I also visit whenever I am with my daughter Jill in San Francisco. She remembers the last time we drove down to Los Gatos to see MIRIAM ROHER RESNICK. "I am still haunted by memories of that visit, because of course it had never occurred to me that it might be the last time I'd see Mimi...."

My old housemate KATHRYN SPEYER MURKETT and husband Howard have moved to a retirement community in my old neighborhood of north-west Connecticut, Noble Horizons. Kay writes: "It's near Peter [their son]. We have a cottage in a lovely rural setting." Their address there is 17 Cobble Road, B-2, Salisbury, CT 06068.

My good wishes to you all for a healthy and good new year. Just one more year 'til we gather for our sixtieth Reunion.

So many of us are still leading busy interesting lives—we want to know about them!

ALUMNAE CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee of the Associate Alumnae submits for your consideration the following slate of candidates. One person has been named to fill each of the positions on the Board of Directors that will become vacant this spring. All terms are for three years, except that the Alumnae Trustee serves for four years.

In addition, six candidates have been nominated to fill three places on the nine-member Nominating Committee. No two members of the Committee may belong to the same alumnae class.

The official ballot with biographies and photos of the candidates will be mailed to all alumnae with the Reunion 1995 program.

The AABC bylaws also provide that additional nominations may be made by petition of not fewer than 20 members of the AABC from at least four different classes. Such a petition must be accompanied by the written permission of the candidate.

In addition, the Annual Meeting of the AABC on May 19, 1995, may be asked to approve amendments to the organization's bylaws. The purpose of these amendments will be to bring the bylaws into conformity with current needs and practices. No substantive changes are anticipated.

For further information, call the Office of Alumnae Affairs, (212) 854-2005.

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Many of our classmates are veteran travelers and have seen fantastic sights all over the world. (Please drop me a line and tell me about it!) My own travels have been rather limited since my husband died—I hate to travel alone—so I seized the opportunity this fall to go to Israel on a People-to-People "Mission in Understanding" conducted (not guided) by my son Gregory, who is the new CEO for this organization. We were in this most conflicted region at the crucial time when a peace treaty was being signed between Israel and Jordan, and tensions on all sides were nearly palpable.

We met with officials and leaders of both sides, traveled from Haifa in the north to Masada in the south, and passed through many checkpoints into the West Bank and the Golan Heights. Our night on a kibbutz, which seemed to be the only green place in the country, was interesting. Workers there are from all over the western world, experimenting with the Marxist theory of labor, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." In Jerusalem, we visited the sites most holy in the world to three major religions, and it is hard to see how any of them can, without conflict, accept domination from any

other. This place is so saturated with history that the visitor is astonished to be actually on the soil where near-mythic events took place. News from the Holy Land continues to be both hopeful and grim. May the efforts toward peace succeed.

A note from MARGERY EYERLY FLEIGH relayed the sad news that ELIZA WHITE SPILMAN died in Baltimore on September 4th of a heart attack. "We had been intimate friends since the day we registered at Barnard," Margery wrote. Our condolences to the Spilman family.

ETHEL LA POINTE MACKNIGHT passed away in July in Newport News, VA. She is survived by her daughters Cynthia Kuling of Michigan, Edith Ham of NY, and Dorothy Boehm of New Mexico, to whom we extend our sympathy.

A further loss to our class is that of JEAN HENLEY, whose death in August was reported to us by her longtime companion, Barbara Jones. Jean graduated from Columbia Physicians & Surgeons in 1940 and trained as an internist. She then joined the Army and saw service in the Far East. After the war, she specialized in anesthesiology and worked for a time in Germany before returning "home" to Connecticut. A staff member and head of the anesthesia dept. of Delafield Hospital, Jean retired in the '70s and happily divided her time between her properties in Maine and Connecticut.

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The inauguration of Judith Shapiro as Barnard's president was a gala affair, and very impressive. Several members of the Class of '38 attended—class president **BOBBY MEYER MANTELL**, **LEONORE SCHANHOUSE KRIEGER**, **EDNA HOLTZMAN SENDEROFF**, and **ELAINE GLASTON MILLER** all gave it a rave review.

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NINETTA DI BENEDETTO HESSION said she was very moved by President Shapiro's inauguration ceremony. She was particularly impressed by the speech given by the president of Bryn Mawr College and she spoke of the speech by the member of Barnard's service staff, as well as the outstanding organization of the whole affair by **MARY LOUISE STEWART REID**, **VIVIAN MIDONICK DICKER**, **RUTH SHAW ERNST**, **JEAN HOLLANDER RICH**, and **EMMA LOU SMITH RAINWATER** also attended. Emma Lou was struck by the eloquence of President Shapiro's address. She also enjoyed Switzerland last May, even though it was snowing when she took the glacier express.

ELAINE HILDENBRAND MUESER regretted having to miss the celebration. She and husband Al have enjoyed having their daughter Barbara with them. Grandson John Greaney celebrated his 6th birthday on Thanksgiving Day at Andrea's home. Anna Marie, a usually self-sufficient granddaughter, was probably glad Elaine and Al were around last summer when a creaking step turned out to be a bear. Their son John, Columbia '71, a teacher for 25 years, the last 15 at Riverdale Country School, was elected to *Who's Who Among American Teachers* for 1994.

VIVIAN PARUTA is back from a trip to India where she found the Taj Mahal as lovely as it is said to be.

PHYLLIS DUNBAR, who fractured her spine two years ago, can drive now. She had physical therapy for six months and is in an exercise group.

Up in Amherst, NH, **JANICE HOERR WHITE** and husband Lou are well. Lou is getting over knee surgery. They postponed their trip to California for Christmas with their daughter and were planning to go in February instead. Janice is playing the piano (Scott Joplin and easy classical things), gardening, and golfing. Now that she has had a husband for 19 years and also had a career, she realizes her generation is still spending their lives serving. Barnard, she feels, would be interested in women's perception of their place in marriage, whether working or retired or homemakers. Janice also expressed an interest in a mini-reunion in the spring. Let's be thinking of that, shall we?

In July, our daughter Marti and family returned to the US after eight years in the Orient. While her husband trained to fly 747s for Atlas Air, she found and bought a car and a house, closed on house, saw to three sets of movers filling the first home of their own with furniture, while Red and I kept their 1 1/2 year old, Katie. When they first got back, I would touch them now and then to be sure I wasn't dreaming. Thanksgiving with them was especially meaningful, as you may imagine.

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COME TO REUNION—MAY 19-21

Greetings once again! As our 55th Reunion comes closer and closer, plans are progressing nicely. In October a group of us from the NY metropolitan area met at the College. We had a most interesting visit to the Columbiana Room at Low Library and then a working luncheon. Among the subjects discussed was the 1940 Memorial Scholarship Fund, which we want very much to increase, the ultimate goal being \$100,000. We urge you all to contribute as generously as you can, but would like to note that this is NOT the same as the Annual Fund Drive. Of course, we would like you to contribute to that also. Please make out TWO checks, marking each in the corner to indicate which fund it is for. Apparently, there has been some confusion on this matter, which we would like to clarify.

Attending the October meeting were **LOUISE SALZMAN BOOKSTAVEL**, **CAROLINE DUNCOMBE PELZ**, **LOIS SAPHIR LEE**, **AGNES CASSIDY SERBAROLI**, **JEAN WILLIS**, **HELEN GONSKI LECH**, **ANN LANDAU KWITMAN**, **EVELYN SARIAN MALDONADO**, **JOY LATTMAN WOUK**, **OLGA SCHEINER COREN**, **FLORENCE DUBROFF SHELLEY**, and your correspondent.

Word comes from **OLGA STASIUK STYLES** that she is living in Moorestown, NJ, and would be delighted to hear from classmates in the area. Olga's phone number is 609-866-0611.

Joining our list of class travelers is **JEAN KRANZ PRENDERGAST**, who writes that since her husband's retirement they have devoted much of their time to travel, including trips to China, Indonesia, and Arctic Norway. Several of these trips, she writes, have been "naturalist-led adventures." Sounds wonderful! Jean is hoping to come to Reunion.

We know many of you are traveling, but what about the rest of you? Are you retired? Do you go to Elderhostels? What else are you doing? Judging by the talk around the lunch table that day in October, this is what your friends want to know. Write to me so that I can pass the news along. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Our class president, **PEGGY BINDER ZAMAITIS**, forwarded two important reports, as follows:

"As president of the class, I was asked to march in the procession at the inauguration of Judith Shapiro as president of Barnard. We marched from Barnard Hall to Riverside Church and all the alumnae representatives carried their class banners. It was the first time I had worn a cap and gown since our graduation. After the ceremony there was a reception on campus, which was festooned with banners and tremendous bunches of balloons. It was an impressive affair, but not stodgy. We all thought we were very spry and sprightly, but the expressions on the faces of the onlookers seemed to say, 'Wow, they graduated over 50 years ago and they're still moving!'"

Peg's second report pertains to a luncheon at the Barnard Club in NYC, a class mini-reunion looking toward our 55th Reunion in May 1996. Present were **NAOMI SELLS BERLIN**, **HELEN SESSINGHAUS**

BLACKMON, **SUE RILEY CLAGETT**, **BETH BISHOP DAVIS**, **ROBERTA HADLEY**, **MARTHA BENNETT HEYDE**, **JEANETTE HALSTEAD KELLOGG**, **MARIE TURBOW LAMPARD**, **ETHEL STONE LEFRACK**, **BETTY CLIFFORD MACOMBER**, **ELIZABETH HARRIS MERSEY**, **MARY MOLLESON**, **PATRICIA LAMB-DIN MOORE**, **MARION MOSCATO**, **MADELINE SHIELDS POWELL**, **BABETTE JACOBSON SOMMER**, **ELIZABETH KOENIG VAN BERGEN**, and Peg herself. Conversation, she wrote, "was lively and constant. Liz brought pictures from the 40th and 50th Reunions—amazing how we changed in those ten years. She also suggested we tell why we chose Barnard; several mentioned 'no compulsory chapel on Sunday!' The food was very good, with the only complaint coming from chocaholics who would have gone for a double chocolate mousse cake topped with chocolate ice cream and hot fudge sauce. (They were kidding—I think.)

"The only news from the luncheon is that Naomi Berlin has accepted the job of class treasurer. **DOROTHY DORSA**, who was our very capable treasurer for 18 years, has resigned due to ill health. Also, Martha Heyde will take Liz Mersey's place as vp and Reunion chair since Liz is moving to Florida." Her new address is 11292 Quail Cozy Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. The Vero Beach group of '41 hope Liz will come to their February mini-reunion.

Our sympathy goes to **DOROTHY SETCHEL HOLMAN** who wrote that her husband, The Rev. William Holman, died in August. She is giving up her home on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, and will be living year-round at the home on Jekyll Island, Georgia, where they have wintered for the past 15 years.

BETTINA BOYNTON is still teaching English as a second language at Hostos Community College in the Bronx. She and husband Frank have taken cruises to Europe and she has gone back to playing duplicate bridge (and learning the new conventions).

As always, I look forward to YOUR news. Please write.

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I have received a lovely letter from **FAYE STONESS HORTENSTINE**, giving me permission to use the material she sent for our 50th Reunion. As of that writing, Faye and husband Clarence welcomed, within a six-week period, three grandsons, making "a baker's dozen of one-generation-removed descendants" for them. Family has been Faye's prime interest and satisfaction in life. She has done some writing, acting, much volunteer work, and for 27 years has been in the alto section of a women's chorus. Faye and Clarence have traveled extensively since he retired from his work as a radiologist, often with Elderhostel groups. This winter they are planning trips to Puerto Rico and the Yucatan—"keeps the joints warm in winter and the mental juices flowing." Faye is hoping to gather her poems and have them bound so the offspring can each have a copy. She is also interested in recording their family history. I greatly appreciated Faye's letter—it was "up-beat" and gave news of interest to this column and this class correspondent. Thank you, Faye.

ELEANORE MAMIE WOLLACK and husband Alford moved recently from the home in Park Ridge, NJ, where Eleanore had lived since the age of three,

to Ellicott City, MD. They wanted to be near their son Jon and his family. Jon does research on pediatric neurology at the University of Maryland Hospital.

Sorry to report the death of **ISABELLE COHEN ROCKOWER** on August 28th. Our sympathy to her husband, Bernard.

Please send me information about yourself so I can share it with other '42ers.

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HELEN (DOTTIE) SHEFFIELD ARONSTAM writes from Los Osos, CA, that she is "still very much alive and kicking. When we're not traveling and/or visiting our three offspring and six grandchildren, we are involved in our golf club and other local organizations. Also, we still keep our interest in Descanso Gardens back in LaCanada."

Over the past 30 years, about 1,000 poems by **MAUREEN O'CONNOR CANNON** have appeared in many national magazines, newspapers, and half a dozen anthologies across the U.S. In the last year, her light verse has won seven first prizes, one second prize, and two third prizes in national poetry contests, and in October she was featured in a long article in the New Jersey section of *The NY Times*. (Thanks to her friend and our former class correspondent **SOPHIE VRAHNOS LOUROS** for sending a copy of the article to Barnard.) In the article, the poetry editor of *Good Housekeeping* described Maureen as "a mainstay of our poetry page." She is a former officer of the Federation of State Poetry Societies and often serves as a judge of their contests. Classmates remember with pleasure the poem she recited at our 50th Reunion two years ago.

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CAROL SHELDON is the first to say, "I do regret missing '94 (Reunion). Hope to see you in 1999." She sent a picture postcard of the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL, where she was either visiting or doing as I do these days—dipping into a shoebox of unused postcards for quick notes.

In a letter also expressing regret at missing Reunion, **CHIYO-KO OGURI MIYABARA** wrote of her warm memories. "I always loved my Barnard years....The love of learning, the growing, the maturing that came from the personal contacts and put the learning into life's context still endure. They have had their place in marriage and homemaking (49 years), in parenting a son, in work in hospital-oriented research, and in volunteer work." Although her sister, **SATO-KO**, who also attended Barnard, lives in Japan, they are still close.

An ongoing project which may involve **DOROTHY CARROLL** and her son in foreign travel in coming months is their work with educators and therapists in Volgograd on problems of the handicapped. She has already hosted a group of Russians in this country and will enjoy their hospitality when she flies over as a consultant.

Someone else making trips, albeit shorter ones, is **RENEE LAMOUREE**, who leaves the Hudson Valley to attend music lectures at the MMOA. Last summer she attended a gospel luncheon at the (new) Cotton Club in Harlem with former Health Department col-

CAMPUS CALENDAR

SPRING GILDERSLEEVE LECTURE

Elena Poniatowska, Mexican journalist, novelist, social critic
Tuesday, March 21

WOMEN POETS AT BARNARD

Joyce Sutphen, winner of the 1994 Barnard New Women Poets Prize
Thursday, April 6

THE SCHOLAR AND THE FEMINIST XXI GROWING UP FEMALE

Saturday, April 8
(for information about this event and other programs sponsored by the Barnard Center for Research on Women, call 212-854-2067)

EMILY GREGORY DINNER

Honoring the 1994-95 "Great Teacher"
Tuesday, April 11

BARNARD DEGREE CEREMONY

Tuesday, May 16

leagues." Of Harlem, which she knew well when she worked in a child health station, she happily observed, "The whole area seems to be improving."

Another area of NYC was improved during the month of September when fabric designs and prints of **ASTRITH DEYRUP** were displayed in the Bridge Gallery at The New School. The exhibit was entitled "Coral Reefs II."

Word was received of the deaths of **ANNE GONSIOR KING** in June, **ELIZABETH BOND MACKIE** in August and **MARCIA LAWRENCE** in October. Elizabeth had lived many years in Princeton, NJ, and is survived by four children. I recall her great interest in knitting in and out of class. Marcia, whose address had been consistently in NYC, is survived by a daughter and son. Her interest in the theatre comes to mind. Last summer Anne and I corresponded briefly, her notes arriving on delightful notepaper on which were printed her pen and ink sketches of her home and garden. To the families of each of these classmates is extended the sympathy of the class.

Across time and space our thoughts are also with **HARRIET ALDRICH BERING** whose husband, Edgar, died in August while they were vacationing in Maine.

SISTER JOSEPH JESUS MARY wrote with glowing pen from the Carmelite Monastery in Terre Haute, IN, that she's "a great-aunt 13 times and a great-great one, once, as of last Valentine's Day. Isn't it nice the whole country celebrates his birthday with hearts and hugs!" She is entitled to be addressed as "Mother" but prefers "Sister."

The Sharon (CT) Garden Club permitted its new president, **FRANCOISE KELZ**, time off to represent our class in the processions and receptions marking Judith Shapiro's inauguration. Francoise described it as "very festive," delighting in the colorful banners and streamers decking out "our gate." Early this fall she returned to campus for a volunteer workshop,

speaking about "Raising Donor Sights—Reunion Class Success Stories." Said she, "I think the Class of '44 will be remembered for its (Reunion) book and its class % participation." A reminder from her: anyone who has not received a Reunion Book or Supplement should contact her ASAP.

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COME TO REUNION—MAY 19-21

As you can well imagine, I am all excited about our forthcoming BIG REUNION, and I am using all my powers of persuasion to entice as many classmates as possible to take part. For those of you who live with-in commuting, let alone walking, distance, there is no excuse! The Reunion committee is setting up a cross-country telephone network so you may already have received a friendly call from one of us, but in any event I shall be prodding you all by mail.

This time around, alas, I have no news to share except my own: I marched and spoke throughout the State of Georgia with, and on behalf of, Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation—people who have lost a loved one to murder and who are opposed to the death penalty: they don't want the families of the criminal to suffer what they suffered. Back at the ranch I worked hard to get Mario Cuomo re-elected, and you know what a debacle that was! I went to Los Angeles over Thanksgiving and **STEFANIE ZINK DOBRIN '47** joined us (me, my daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter Zoe), while Margarita stayed home boning up for the LSAT; her aim is to become a public defender for indigent condemned men, in view of the dreaded return of Old Sparky in our State. I wonder how many remember that it was a Republican governor, Nelson Rockefeller, who signed

the abolition bill in 1965! It was a banner day for me, because it was on that day that my first, long-awaited, pregnancy was confirmed. Well, when you first "elected" me class correspondent I promised myself I would never have an empty column, so if you don't want me to go on and on, sit down and write to me without delay. Thank you, and...see you at Reunion!

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From the crazy weather of winter in Vermont, 50° in December, rain not snow, all wishes for a great new year to each one.

I received a good, long letter from **EUGENIA BATE**; she retired in 1988, after many years in Boston, working as an administrator for the Christian Science church. Prior to that she spent some years in real estate, in Summit, NJ. She took up skiing in the early '60s, coming to North Conway, NH, on weekends, and has now settled in the area, in a beautiful wooded, secluded location, with lots of wildlife *really* nearby—when a mother bear and two cubs came up on the deck of her house, looking for a snack, discretion and caution kept Eugenia from going out to greet them.

DOROTHY DIETERLE ADAMS writes: "My husband and I are thoroughly enjoying the wonderful world of retirement in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina, with many delightful people here, plus concerts, theater, and volunteer work. I still play a lot of tennis (doubles, of course) and enjoy piano lessons more than ever. **JOY DREW BLAZEY** and her husband live nearby; their friendship is a big bonus for us. **EMILY O'CONNOR PERNICE** lives in Charlotte, just 2 1/2 hours away—we see each other several times a year. Another bonus!"

This fall I was pleased to have **JANE WEIDLUND** come for a visit. We had not known one another at Barnard but had exchanged letters regarding this column. We had wonderfully pleasant weather and visited many nearby Vermont sights—the Shelburne Museum in Burlington, the sheer-cliff granite quarries in Barre, and the monastic choir of the Benedictine monks in Weston. On October 27th, Jane represented our class in the procession at the inauguration of Judith Shapiro as Barnard's president.

If this column seems like a personal letter to everyone, that is in fact what I feel I am writing. Please "write back," sending your news or thoughts for our next column.

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NANCY HARRIS BRACH is Executive Director of the National Council on Alcoholism, headquartered in Montclair, NJ. She completed an MA in criminal justice in 1981 and has been president of Choices, a half-way house for alcoholic mothers. She is also a member of several NJ facilities and services attempting to reduce alcohol addiction. In 1986, Nancy was named Woman of the Year by the NJ Task Force on Women and Alcohol.

Since her retirement as director of administration of the Americas Society, **BEATRICE ARLT WOLFE** has launched a career in musical theater. In November she performed "Being Bea" at Danny's

Skylight Room, under the direction of Johnny King, featuring songs sung in musical theater by mature female characters. She has performed as the fairy godmother in *Cinderella* at Little Peoples' Theater in Manhattan and was an extra in the film *Quiz Show*, representing a fiftyish 1950s teacher. Bea, who sang for a few of us at our last Reunion, is a treat to hear in performance. She studied privately as a teenager, participated in Columbia's Opera Workshop, and works with voice coach Kenneth Gould as she moves into an exciting second career.

While **CLARE STEIN** and her husband, Bernard, summered in Kerry, Ireland, they supervised the building of an addition to their house. "Is guile pejorative?" she wondered, as she reflected on the various false starts and mishaps that occurred before its completion. Now back in Washington, DC, Claire reports a continuing interest in women's health issues.

LUCIA HATHAWAY CARVER has been working as an artist in several media and earlier this winter her work was exhibited at Our World Gallery in Stamford, CT. In an announcement of the exhibit, she wrote that "one person, viewing a painting of mine, stated 'your work makes me think there is something just around the corner, just waiting to happen.' I like that. Whether I am working in oils, watercolors, acrylics, wood, stone...whatever, I have that same feeling: something more is there, just waiting to express itself!"

ELIZABETH WALLACE GORDON, who recently returned from a visit with her daughter in Tulsa, mentions a photograph of her youngest, year-old granddaughter wearing a one-piece Barnard "shortie" inscribed "On My Way to Barnard College" and patterned with petite blue footprints. It can be ordered from our student store (see ad, p. 27). "B.A." assures us both the baby and the shortie are adorable. She also recommends attending off-year Barnard reunions. Last year she heard Anna Quindlen and Mary Gordon reading from their new works.

A portrait of **ANNE ATTURA PAOLUCCI** was recently unveiled at Queensborough Community College. Among Anne's many honors is her appointment by President Reagan to the National Council for the Humanities, where she has continued to serve under Presidents Bush and Clinton. Her most recent publication is *Three Short Plays* (see *Ex Libris*, p. 30).

At the time of our 1992 reunion, **PRISCILLA BLOCK FISHMAN** urged any classmates visiting in Israel to get in touch with her. If any of you have done so, I hope you will send your impressions of your visit in time for our next issue.

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New Jersey-based alumnae were fortunate to have the opportunity to greet and meet our new president, Judith Shapiro, at a delightful brunch hosted by alumnae trustee **DIANA TOULIATOU VAGELOS** '55 and her husband, Roy. We caught up with **ELEANOR KROUT BACHE** and were sorry more of our class could not attend. (Sorry if I missed other '48ers in the crowd.)

On a personal note: after 43 years of working for the same publisher, albeit through three successive acquisitions and subsequent unbundlings, I recently joined the ranks of the "outplaced." I enjoyed the opportunities and challenges provided me by Prentice Hall, Simon & Schuster, Maxwell Macmillan, and, last

but not least, Research Institute of America, and will miss the many rewards of the professional and personal associations that went with the territory. I am now looking forward to working independently as a writer/editor/business communications consultant. Definitely not ready for retirement!

I did take the summer off, however. My husband, Larry, and I traveled throughout the West visiting several national parks and catching up with far-flung friends, including **CLARA FARKAS JOHNSON** '49 in Colorado and **ANNE BATTLE Phipps** in Indiana. Further celebrating my liberation from a fixed daily routine, we bought a winter home in Boca Raton, Florida, and will see if we like being snowbirds.

Enough about me. What about you? Please send news of your activities—second careers after retirement, creative endeavors, family, etc. (Write to me at the address above—mail is being forwarded.) I look forward to more diversified coverage of our class in 1995—with your help!

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Why wait another five years? The Alumnae Office sent out a pamphlet, "Keeping in Touch," which is all about mini-reunions. This might work for those living in the NY metropolitan area or for those who come in periodically to see family, friends, etc. If you are interested, let me or Yvette know. (I wish there were a tear-off sheet at the end of this column for you to detach and send in.)

There's not much new news this time, but some major changes were reported. **MARILYN HEGGIE DELALIO** and her husband, after many years in Laurel Hollow, Long Island, have moved to Fearington Village, near Chapel Hill, NC. They hope to enjoy the mild climate this winter and are taking courses at Duke U, steeping themselves in the cultural events there and at the University of NC. Marilyn served as Fund Chair for our class for many years. The DeLalios hope that they will be a stop-off for friends on the way to or from Florida. The Mayor and the community of Laurel Hollow thanked Marilyn for her work in the community, especially for her newspaper articles that exposed village problems: taxes, non-residential construction, etc., and led to increased attendance at village board meetings.

We were forwarded an article from the *Northern Maine Journal* containing news about the former Maine girl who became a complete New Yorker at Barnard, **SOPHIE HUGHES**. She has just retired after teaching for 30 years in NYC, 25 in a school for the deaf. The article refers to a poem, *Odyssey of a Loan*, printed elsewhere in the journal. Sophie's poems are based on her experiences growing up on a farm in northern Maine. She is also an artist. It seems like yesterday when we used to run into each other in the halls of Butler Library when I was going to Library School (alas, now defunct) and Sophie was working in one of the libraries.

As for me, I am looking forward to getting my library computerized and enjoying life in the Hunterdon hills—and not retiring. Tom and I are busier than ever.

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COME TO REUNION—MAY 19-21

LAURA PIENKNY ZAKIN is in Israel for six months, where her husband is on a Fulbright. They expect to return to the USA and spend several months in the NY-NJ area. Very convenient for attending our 45th Reunion! We hope that many classmates will attend.

Congratulations are due—in fact, overdue—to KATIE LIHN RIGGIONE, of Vineland, NJ, winner of a Governor's Volunteer Award for 1993. The citation for the award describes how Katie's caring and hard work transformed a federal program of once-a-month food baskets for 50 families into three soup kitchens, open three times a week and serving more than 900 hot lunches a month. She not only recruits other volunteers; she also helps cook, serve, and clean up every day. "In one of the poorest counties in the state, many people had nowhere to turn until Katie made the soup kitchens a place where they could begin to get back on their feet." In addition to food, they can get free clothing from a "clothes closet" which Katie organized, and she follows up with those who need further support to help them find housing, a job, or needed services. On top of all this, she works with the Cumberland County Hospice as a volunteer and fundraiser and has directed Vineland Toys for Tots. In 1992 Katie was honored as Vineland's Citizen of the Year, and we can certainly understand why—what a great story!

A long letter from GLORIA LITTON DEL RIO brought news of herself and our other classmates in the Philippines, BING (MARIA) ESCODA ROXAS and SYLVIA MENDEZ VENTURA. Bing has retired from her position as head of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and Sylvia from the University of the Philippines, where she was a professor of English. Sylvia is spending the first half of this year working in Indonesia. Bing and Gloria are involved in a group called MEMORARE, collecting names of the civilians—estimated at 100,000—who died in the Battle of Manila in February 1945. Gloria writes they hope to have a memorial of some sort and also want to answer the Japanese claims that very few civilians were massacred by the Japanese marines. "I lived in the second-to-last district to be liberated so I have a fairly good idea of the number, and my estimate is nearer 150,000. I literally came out with just the clothes on my back!...I hope it is not too late to register the birth of my third daughter, Raquel Suanne, born Oct. 18, 1955....I am very busy right now with the planning and future development of two big real estate projects. I hope I can retire after that and devote myself to some hobbies."

There may be some people out there for whom retirement means "rest," but that's not the way our classmates see it, obviously! IRIS ROYEN BLUMENTHAL writes: "When we left in Syracuse in 1992, I retired from my position as senior editor at Cornell. We now live in suburban Chicago, where my husband is program director for the department of medicine at Christ Hospital. I am busy taking art and design courses; also immersed in volunteer work as a

docent for the Chicago Architecture Foundation and editor of my synagogue newsletter. We love Chicago and are delighted to be near a big city once again."

We are saddened to inform you that CORA LAMBIE THOMPSON died on November 2nd. Our condolences to her husband and children.

We suspect that many of you are saving news for your bio page in the Reunion booklet, but please share some with us. (I'll be covering class news until Laura's return.)

—MSZ

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hardly...

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most of the time...

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We're talking about the volunteers at the BARNARD UNIT OF EVERYBODY'S THRIFT SHOP. Additional volunteers are needed, to give 3-4 hours per week at 261 Park Avenue South (21st St.) to examine, price, and manage for sale the clothing, jewelry, books, china, crystal, linens and other household items, etc., contributed to Barnard.

Volunteers work in a friendly atmosphere created by motivated women—all for an excellent cause. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL NANETTE HAYES AT 212-749-6251.

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After proceeding swimmingly without any bad news for several issues, I have the unfortunate duty to report the loss of LUCY KANG SAMMIS. Lynn was the only person of Korean parentage I have ever known and as I got more and more interested in things Asian I would often be reminded of her. That beautiful grey-green Korean pottery reminded me of her and so did the "kim chee" at Korean restaurants. I will continue to think of Lynn whenever I come across anything that has to do with Korea, and in that sense her memory will live on.

Having got the bad news over with, on to the good! In the last issue you read all about the installation of Barnard's new president. What you don't know is that our class representatives at the ceremony were LUCILLE GOTTLIEB PORTER and CAROL VOGEL TOWBIN. Lucille got a special kick out of marching in the procession because they couldn't find the appropriate gown for her and she

was forced to wear a doctoral robe!

EDITH BELSJOE was recently promoted to vp of human resources at St. John's Riverside Hospital in Yonkers. She is responsible for recruiting, hiring, and training employees and administers such programs as employee communications, employee benefits, and labor relations.

PAULA WELTZ SPITALNY and husband Arnold have sold their Connecticut home and plan to divide their time between their place in Florida and a rental apartment in Stamford.

In response to my plea for news, BERNICE GREENFIELD SILVERMAN reported on her second career, following retirement from working in the social work field as an employee. She has a private practice as a lifetime-care planner for the aged and disabled, providing resources and guidance to families caring for a relative with any kind of chronic disability. She is also a geriatric care manager, helping older adults plan for their futures. Bunny adds that she is now known as Bernice—but not to me nor, I suspect, to any of you.

VIVienne FEIGENBAUM GARFINKLE was delighted to take a flying trip to Chicago in October to see the one-woman show of the art of her daughter-in-law, Alessandra Kelley.

And finally, I can't resist reprinting in its entirety a card JOAN STEEN WILENTZ sent me from Miami Beach after I sent her one from Morocco:

"Some of us are off to Morocco—some of us get to Miami Beach....Am sitting in a restaurant called 'Paparazzi' and masses of people are sitting in the outside cafe (to be seen; to look) even though a gale force wind is blowing. (What fools these mortals be!) And I am dining alone, inside, and musing about the decline of the West."

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To celebrate the inauguration of Barnard's new president, some of our classmates, together with a few husbands, met at my apartment for cocktails and then went to Cafe Greco for dinner. Those who attended were: BIRGIT THIBERG MORRIS, Peter and MARILYN RICH ROSENBLATT, Nat and RUTH (BUNNY) MAYERS GOLDBABER, Robert and BETH STANISLAW STULL, Sheldon and FLORENCE SACK KOHN, MICHELA MITCHELL HALPERN, MARIETTA DUNSTON MOSKIN, and MARILYN SILVER LIEBERMAN. We had a great time "catching up" with what's been happening in all our lives.

ANNE LOESSER HOLLANDER's new book, *Sex and Suits*, which chronicles the history of power dressing and the sexes, and how we all ended up in suits, is listed among the *NY Times* "Notable Books of 1994." The book was described in *The New Yorker* as entrancing, vivacious and willful and it was the subject of the "Patterns" column that appears in the *NY Times* on Tuesdays.

On November 20th, my son Sanford was married to Alisa Belasky. Sanford is an associate in the law firm of Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelsohn. His wife is a lawyer in the compliance dept. at Smith Barney.

In a letter to *The New York Times Magazine*, ANNE BERNAYS wrote that she and her husband, Justin Kaplan, are working together on a book, *The Language of Names*.

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SUE HARRINGTON SALOMON represented our class in the inaugural procession of President Judith Shapiro on October 27th in Riverside Church. Sue wrote, "The procession was a highlight of the program and for me personally. I wore an academic cap, gown, and hood, carried a banner with our class year on it, and marched with other class presidents, faculty, trustees, and guests from other institutions." Other class members in attendance at the event were **HELENE KAPLAN**, who chaired the search committee for the new president and is a past president of the board of trustees, **GRACE GRASSELLI BOWMAN**, member of the board, and **NANCY UNDERWOOD LOURIE**, **ELISE ALBERTS PUSTILNIK**, and **DOROTHY COYNE WEINBERGER**. Also present was Millicent McIntosh; Sue said her voice and graciousness are unchanged from 40 years ago.

JOAN HURWITZ LUDMAN writes of the arrival of a third grandchild and first granddaughter; she joins her two brothers in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where Joan and Harold's son is an associate professor of pediatrics, genetics, and obstetrics, and their daughter-in-law is a pediatric psychologist; both are at Dalhousie University School of Medicine. Joan's husband has retired from his internal medicine practice, enabling them to travel—mostly to the west coast, where their son is a lawyer in San Francisco and their daughter is a clinical psychologist in Seattle. Joan is also involved in a long-term research project, the catalogue raisonné of the paintings of Fairfield Porter.

Word has been received about **PATRICIA THALL HENDEL** (New London, CT). She is executive director of HOPE, an organization devoted to providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income people. She was recently elected vp of the National Association of Commissions for Women; among the items on its agenda are the promotion of gender balance on boards and commissions and legislation to stop violence against women. Pat has a master's in economics from Connecticut College and is a former state representative from the New London-Groton area.

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This column was written by MARCIA MUSICANT BERNSTEIN, who has served as our class correspondent for the past 5+ years.

On the theory that all good things must end sometime, I have decided to pass the job of class correspondent to **EVA GRUNEWALD FREMONT**. I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing from all of you for the past five years, and I hope you will keep Eva as well informed as you have me. Please send your news to her at the address above.

I should also introduce you to Eva as the author of a full page feature article in the *Los Angeles Times* on a trip to the North Frisian Islands, traveling along Europe's west coast from Denmark to The Netherlands. Congratulations, Eva, and welcome.

I have the pleasure of announcing the birth of my fourth grandchild: Kenan Alexander Dudley was born to my daughter Laura and her husband, Cosby, on November 21. We had a wonderful reunion with

them and our son Philip and family during the Thanksgiving weekend.

The mail brought some news from class president **ARLENE KELLEY WINER**, who was proud to carry our class banner at the inaugural ceremony for Barnard's new president, Judith Shapiro. Arlene wished that all of us could have shared in the magnificent pageantry and inspiration of the occasion. She also enjoyed an evening of reminiscence about Reunion with **MARCIA PUNDYK** and Eva Fremont when they and their spouses met for dinner in New York. They also made plans to encourage more such social gatherings among many more classmates.

Arlene also sent word that prints of the group photographs from our 40th Reunion this past May are still available, but not for long. If you would like one, please send a check, payable to Roya Zarrehparvar, in the amount of \$10 for each copy, to Arlene Winer, PO Box 1356, Scarsdale, NY 10583, as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, write to Eva!

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Our only item of news this time comes from **BETH SWARTZMAN SCHATMAN**. She writes: "I've been busy this year with my daughters' weddings. **JILL** (Barnard '79, Columbia Law '82) in June to William Manny and Karen in October to Frederick Benton. Am enjoying our move to Florida, which happened in September 1992."

Where are the rest of you? Are you saving your news for Reunion? If you're not going to be able to attend Reunion, please send me your news!

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Since the last column I have, unhappily, not received many letters from you. Please drop a note and let us get to know each other all over again. I am sure I am not alone in being interested in what has happened to "us" over the past 39 years.

Our meeting at the Museum of Modern Art in October was, as usual, fun and interesting. The major topics of conversation were our upcoming 40th Reunion and the "big birthday" that we either have just had or soon will be celebrating. I'd like to hear your thoughts on the subject. Mine are quite simple: I'm just glad to be around and able to discuss the subject. (As mentioned before, our next class supper will be at 6:00 on Thursday, March 2, also at the cafeteria of the Museum of Modern Art. No reservations necessary, but if you'd like more information, call me at 718-441-5715.)

RUTH EPHRAIM FREUDENTHAL is contemplating retiring from the Monroe-Woodbury High School where she has been teaching German and Spanish—sometimes both in the same year. She has two sons: Eric, a computer person, and David, an urban planner.

Alexander Morrison is **ALYCE DEGEN SCIMECA**'s first grandchild. His father is English so she's waiting to see how he develops as an American/Englishman. Meanwhile she says it's

tremendous fun being a grandmother. She also enjoyed herself as our representative in the academic procession at the inauguration of President Judith Shapiro in October.

GLORIA RICHMAN RINDERMAN is still trading options from her home office, working with her husband. Her son Robert received an MBA from NYU's Stern School and is an accounts manager at an investor relations firm. Her son Bruce is a copywriter, specializing in pharmaceuticals.

Paul and **HANNAH KLEIN KATZ** live in Israel and are enjoying their retirement. They do volunteer work and have traveled to Portugal, Spain, Greece, Egypt and Cyprus recently. Last year they took "an unforgettable trip to Poland," visiting the death camps of Treblinka, Maidanek, and Auschwitz as well as the cities of Warsaw, Lublin, and Cracow.

From a news item we learned that **LIZABETH MOODY** has become vp and dean of the college of law at Stetson U, which is in Florida, although our address for her is still in Ohio—Liz, write and tell us where you are!

That's all I have so please, please WRITE or call.

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The end-of-year holidays are upon us as I write, and again I'm tempted to reminisce:

During my Barnard years I fell in love with the Upper West Side and continue to live here. Judging by our class list, so did a few others. Since then, of course, the area has undergone some major changes. In the sixties (or was it the seventies? they tend to merge) a group of neighbors would gather just before Christmas. Some good soul would pass out purple sheets of carol lyrics printed on a device with the wonderful name of spirit duplicator, and we'd go up and down the block singing to the apartment houses. Other neighbors laid out snacks in the lobbies. We'd duck in to thaw out and feast on cookies, cider and such, free of cyanide, razor blades and other items of nouvelle cuisine. It was an altogether more innocent time. Nowadays, we listen to the experts carol—in stores, in elevators, and even on hold, beginning, it seems, around Labor Day. Grumpph!

Which brings me to why I was scanning the class list in the first place: You just never know how you'll get news. A few months back I was urgently trying to locate a cousin living near Barnard who seemed to be missing. I searched through our list, discovered that **ELIZABETH NORTON** lives a block from him, and called for help. This led to a long chat and lunch in which we discovered a mutual fondness for scuba diving. Liz, who loves to travel, had just returned from an Earthwatch trip to Hungary where she assisted Hungarian scientists in a soil erosion project. (Earthwatch is a nonprofit group which organizes expeditions to research sites and recruits volunteers to assist the scientists, leading to some fairly exotic, tax-deductible vacations.) She was digging holes and examining soil in Pecsély near Lake Balaton, known for its healing mudpacks and mineral waters. She spent a few days in Budapest, was shown around northern Hungary by a local family, and loved the country and the people. She has gone on two other Earthwatch trips, to St. Croix and to the Canary Islands. She is on the CUNY faculty working as a counsellor at NYC Technical College in Brooklyn.

Liz has remained friends over the years with **MAR-**

GOT CURTIN PARKER, with whom she travels to a different Caribbean Island almost every New Year's week. Margot lives in Michigan and works in the government relations dept of General Motors as director of the Civic Involvement Program. She runs GM's PAC and its Grassroots Project, encouraging employees, stockholders, and retirees to become politically aware and active, and lobbies at both the federal and state levels of government. (You may remember an article Margot wrote about her work for this magazine in 1985.)

DOLORES JOHNSON HENDERSON is the new pastor of the Freeport (NY) United Methodist Church after three years as pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church on City Island. She comes from a family tradition in the ministry—her father, grandfather, uncle and aunt were all ministers. Dolores, who is a five time "Jeopardy" champion, has had an interesting career path: after Barnard she got an MS in biology at NYU and worked in community health and family planning. In 1984 she became an investigator for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. While working at that job she attended New York Theological Seminary; she received a Master of Divinity in 1991 and was appointed to the City Island post at that time. Her daughter, Mary Watkins, a Cornell graduate, has presented her with a granddaughter, now 2, whom she describes as "perfect."

JANE POMERANCE HERMANN, a longtime friend and colleague of Rudolf Nureyev, is a board member of the Rudolf Nureyev Dance Foundation. At the recent announcement of a scholarship in Nureyev's name at the School of American Ballet, to be funded by the foundation, she remarked, "It will reflect what he felt was so important to him, studying at the school where he was treated like a son." Jane was presentations director at the Metropolitan Opera for many years until 1989, when she became executive director of the American Ballet Theatre in NYC.

From Fort Lauderdale, FL, we have at last received news from **MARIE CAPUTI**. In 1989 she left Madison, WI, to accept a position as director of graduate and continuing education at St. Thomas U in Miami. In 1993 she became director of the institutional effectiveness committee at Lynn U in Boca Raton, where she is responsible for university-wide assessment and planning. Marie writes, "Living in Florida is truly a sane alternative to winter."

But what about a sane alternative to a Florida summer, Marie?

And apropos of the item about Barnard Camp in my last column, we have a message from **JOAN DEFATO** '56 in Burbank, CA, who is "sorry to hear that the camp is closed...but enjoyed reading about the group that used to go there....Please tell them hello from me." Perhaps some of you would care to share your memories with us.

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A second edition of **CARLA LEVINE KLAUSNER**'s book, *A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, has been published by Prentice Hall—and already it is out of date, Carla notes. She is still a professor of history at the U of Missouri, Kansas City. Husband Tiberius took early retirement from UMKC, where he was a professor of music. He continues to teach and is concertmaster of the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra.

BARNARD IN GREAT BRITAIN

If you are a resident of Great Britain, planning to attend a program at a British university, or looking forward to an extended visit anywhere in the UK, consider joining the Barnard Club of Great Britain.

Under the leadership of Kelly Walsh Trevor '90, the club issues a newsletter about its own programs as well as activities shared with Ivy League or other Seven Sister college clubs. Recent events included an evening at the National Portrait Gallery, a gathering in Chinatown for dim sum, and regular meetings of the Seven College Book Club. This year the Barnard Club is the sponsor of the annual luncheon of the Seven College Conference, to be held on March 8 and featuring novelist Margaret Drabble.

Membership costs £8.00 per annum (UK or travelers cheques only, please).

If you would like to join or wish further information, write to the president of the Barnard Club of Great Britain:

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ACCOMMODATIONS IN LONDON

An arrangement between the Barnard Club of Great Britain and the University Women's Club allows alumnae (and spouses as well as children over 12 who are accompanied by an adult) to use the overnight facilities of the club, located at 2 Audley Square, S. Audley Street, in the heart of Mayfair, London's most fashionable district, with easy access to shopping parks, and transportation.

The University Women's Club is the oldest club for women in London. It was founded in 1886 by a group of prominent women, many of them pioneers in the field of higher education for women.

Use of the facility requires a letter provided by the Office of Alumnae Affairs but all reservations must be made directly with the University Women's Club. To telephone from the US, call 011-44-171-499-6478 or 2268.

BARNARD IN FRANCE

P.A.N., the Paris Alumnae/i Network, was launched in March 1994 by representatives of the "Seven Sister" colleges and others. It now includes over 300 alumnae/i from fourteen institutions and already provides an important social and professional network for its members as well as a framework for activities in support of their alma maters. All of its officers and directors are women.

In addition to increasing the visibility of the member schools among prospective students, P.A.N. also arranges and publicizes talks by faculty staying in or traveling through France. The P.A.N. Directory provides contact information about alumnae in France and its bi-monthly *Bulletin* provides a calendar of activities and events in the Paris area. Anne Shapiro Devreux '75 is an editor of the *Bulletin*, which recently included a

profile of Danielle Haase-Dubosc '59, Director of Reid Hall. The *Bulletin* also includes a "jobs bank."

P.A.N.'s Housing Exchange offers faculty, staff, and alumnae in the U.S. the opportunity to offer their homes in exchange for homes listed by P.A.N. members in France and elsewhere in Europe; it also lists Bed & Breakfast accommodations offered by P.A.N. members.

Genevieve Ramos Acker '61, Barnard's regional representative in Paris, is vice president of P.A.N. Alumnae who reside in France or who expect to be visiting there for an extended period can get additional information by writing to her:

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One of their three daughters will be married in June. Carla enjoys "being friends with and seeing classmates **MARILYN GALE GRAUBART** and **BLANCHE EISEMANN SOSLAND** out here in the great Midwest!"

MARCIA SPELMAN DE FREN retired from teaching in June '93 and is enjoying every minute of her new life, doing all the things she loves: singing in a chorus, playing tennis, reading novels, redecorating, and doing volunteer work. She is also a first-time grandmother.

And several items from the healthcare field:

"As usual," writes **DR. VIRGINIA SALKUCKI-**

BREWER, "my news is good. My psychiatric practice continues to be full and successful. Husband Jack retired in December. Both daughters are MD's and married, one in Boston, one in Los Angeles. We have one granddaughter, aged 2, and a grandson is expected on 2/24. I remain active on our own tennis court and travel extensively with family and female friends—looking forward to an exciting trip to southern India in the spring."

Another retiree is **DR. SHELLEY BROWN**, who has left the private practice of hematology-oncology after 20 years to devote more time to her position as director of the blood bank and transfusion service at

Lenox Hill Hospital in NY. "I have also returned to writing and am working on a biography," she writes.

From **JANE PEYSER BROOKS** comes word that "our children are multiplying." She continues to work as a school psychologist in Stamford, CT, and to present at conferences on related topics. Along with a small private practice and traveling, Jane says she is kept busy.

After many years in the cardiovascular field, Dr. **INA BROWNER BROWN** returned to graduate school and received a PhD in physiology in '93. She is completing a research fellowship at UC-San Diego. But she reports, "Unfortunately now, in a bad economic climate in general, and for scientific research in particular, I am looking for a new position." Husband Newton was a computer consultant for many years and is now retired, "computerizing" for his own enjoyment. Son David Alan, who is married and living in Pennsylvania, received an MS in computer engineering and has worked in R&D for the Navy since 1987. "San Diego is as close to Eden as is possible in the real world," says Ina.

Thanks to so many of you for your interest in this column. Keep the news coming!

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ROSALIND SNYDER PAASWELL, formerly CEO of the American Women's Economic Development Corp, has been named executive director of the National Council of Jewish Women. She lives in New York City.

A local newspaper called New Haven native **JUDITH SCHIFF** "a walking encyclopedia" of Yale history. On staff since 1960, she is now chief research archivist for Yale's Sterling Memorial Library. Honored in 1988 for her contribution to increased understanding between the university and the city, she maintains many research interests, among them Charles Lindbergh. Judith received a master's in library science from Southern CT State U and continues to work on her PhD in American history at Columbia.

MARIAN BENNETT MEYERS has moved from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to the dept of cardiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. When not studying the role of a calcium-binding protein in heart function, she is enjoying grandchild Benjamin Loeb Meyers, son of Bill and Carol.

From my fellow Washingtonians/Marylanders:

Since 1989 **DIANA STONE PETERS** has been living in Washington and commuting to Ann Arbor, where she is a professor at the U of Michigan. In DC she is a partner in a law firm that specializes in employment benefits law. Son David received his MBA from U of Colorado-Boulder, where he lives.

CORALIE MARCUS BRYANT is working on Brazil at the World Bank (after working on Africa) with specific emphasis on environmental protection in the Amazon and rural poverty in the northeast section of the country. Her first grandchild arrived last February. Daughter Jennifer (who was working for the former Lt. Governor of NY and was looking for a

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job after the election) and husband Bruce Friedland are the proud parents.

MARLENE FELDSTEIN ROSS, associate director of the American Council on Education, Center for Leadership in Washington, reports that her middle daughter, Joanne, graduated from American U last summer and her son Jeff will graduate from the UVA law school in May.

And to our favorite radio person, NPR special correspondent **SUSAN STAMBERG**, has come a new honor: membership in the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame. Accepting the award at a gala dinner, Susan paid tribute to radio as "this wonderful medium... where the pictures are always better (because they're in your mind)." She added, "In these days of more broadcast talk, and less real insight than ever before, your honor to me honors the difficult and principled work of National Public Radio." Susan has also written the foreword to a new book on "eco-heroes" entitled *Green Means: Living Gently on the Planet*, published by KQED Books. She received Barnard's "Woman of Achievement" Award in 1984.

With sadness we report the death of **BEATRICE KLEINBERG NEUWIRTH** on Aug. 14. Our sympathy goes out to her sons Stephen, James, and Richard.

Lastly I apologize to anyone trying to reach me by FAX. It broke down last fall.

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We've recently learned that **NORMA GALE GRILL** became a lawyer as her own children were completing their education. She received a JD from Hofstra and an LLM in taxation from NYU and has been in practice for 17 years. Norma and her husband, Bernard, reside in Old Brookville, LI, where she has been active in the Democratic Party. In 1994 she ran for Congress—in a district which has voted Republican for generations—and was described in the press as an excellent candidate, unfortunately placed in an impossible contest.

DARLINE SHAPIRO LEVY is an associate professor of history at NYU. She also participates in programs at the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts.

The Alumnae Office recently received a communication via Internet from The Reverend **JANE ROMEYN DUNNING**, whom some of you may have called Rebecca. She attended Barnard from 1956 to

1958. Jane was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1991. She would like to hear from classmates and may be reached at St. Helena's Chapel, 221 New Lenox Road, Lenox, MA 01240.

ROSELLEN BROWN HOFFMAN's new book, *Cora Fry's Pillow Book*, was reviewed in the *NY Times* on November 20th. It's a sequel to a poem that she published 17 years ago which traces a woman's growing attachment to her small blue-collar New Hampshire town. The reviewer described its publication as "an event to celebrate." She will be receiving Barnard's "Distinguished Alumna Award" at Reunion in May and reading from her work on the Saturday afternoon of that weekend. If you'd been wondering whether to come to Reunion, this should convince you that it will be an un-missable event. Watch your mail for the College's brochure and send in your reservation right away!

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Class president **DOROTHY MEMOLO BHEDDAH** carried our class banner in the October inauguration ceremony for Barnard's new president. In addition to alumnae, faculty, and trustees, delegates came to the ceremony from nearly 100 other colleges and universities. "President Shapiro gave a resounding address presenting very clear reasons for the need for women's colleges," Dottie reports. "Be sure to read it!" President Shapiro's address was in the last issue of this magazine.

DIANE STEWART LOVE married Robert Frye, head of several NY television companies, last summer. Since selling the Diane Love boutique, Diane has been painting in Millerton, NY.

Also remarried several years ago, **JUDITH SOLOMON MANDELBAUM** (now Israel) got a master's in library science a few years ago and is vp of research services at Burrelle's Information Services in Livingston, NJ (e-mail: JSMBURR@delphi.com).

Turning adversity into an occasion for the triumph of the human spirit, **LESLEY BUNIM HEAFITZ** has published a volume of poetry. The 77 poems in *In Darkness and In Light: A Physician's Journey into Spiritual Healing* are a by-product of Bunny's battle with ovarian cancer, diagnosed in 1991. She marshalled not only the full panoply of modern medicine's resources, but those of alternative medicine as well, to assist her in her struggle to continue to function as pediatrician, homemaker and mother. She has been leading workshops in the Boston area on visualization and spiritual healing. Lesley can be reached through the Harvard Medical School, where she teaches.

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A packet of mail arrived from **RUSTY MILLER RICH** to bring us up-to-date on her doings. She went to Nicaragua in June with some friends from the Central American Solidarity Community, with whom she'd worked when she lived in Detroit. Unfortunately, on the ninth day of the ten-day trip, she fell backwards while taking a photograph and broke her leg and ankle. Two days and 1200 miles later, in Boston, she had the first of two operations; the second was in July. When she wrote (October) she was waiting to get the pins removed. An "impa-

tient patient," she's been taking classes at Wellesley and did manage to navigate to the Barnard Alumnae Admissions Representatives meeting in September. Daughter Rachel graduated from Wellesley this spring. Daughter Alex is busy with her SAT's and college applications; she spent last summer in Costa Rica with Amigos de las Americas, building teacher housing in a tiny town near the Panama border. Rusty is hoping to return to Nicaragua and work on some archeological digs with the priest whom she visited in June. She also mentioned that JUDY TERRY SMITH's daughter Natalie has transferred to NYU, where she's studying art history. Maybe this will get Judy back east to visit.

SUSAN ABLON COLE was recently appointed to the board of directors of Western State Bank of St. Paul. She is the president and a professor of English at Metropolitan State University, after a career that included both academic and administrative positions at Antioch, CUNY, and Rutgers. She has written extensively on ethics, accountability and conflict resolution.

Very sad news has come to us from RUTH NEM-ZOFF, reporting the death of ANDREA OSTRUM in December in her apartment in New York. "Andrea earned a PhD in clinical psychology from Columbia and had a private practice in Brooklyn Heights until June 1985, when a traffic accident put her in a coma for year and left her quadriplegic. Her determination and charisma served her well as she negotiated the health care system, successfully demanding that she live independently. She wrote several articles about her experience. One article appeared in *Longevity* in February 1993 and another in the *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology*. She is survived by her children, Eva, Ethan, and Judah, who would welcome reminiscences of their mother. Letters can be sent c/o Eva Ostrum, 4 Watson Street, Somerville, MA 02144." Classmates who wish to honor Andrea are invited to send special memorial contributions to Barnard's Annual Fund.

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Greetings from Durham, NC, where, last year, Duke U made history with the inauguration of its first woman president. All of Barnard's presidents have been women and on October 27 we watched proudly and a bit teary-eyed as LORETTA TREMBLAY AZZARONE, SHEILA GORDON, and POLA AUERBACH ROSEN, in academic robes, marched in the procession down the aisle of Riverside Church to witness the inauguration of Judith Shapiro.

I'm delighted to have received letters from several of you. An addendum to the news about CHARLOTTE ALTER SPIEGELMAN which appeared in the last issue is that she is a member of the American Family Therapy Academy and her husband is national USA correspondent for Reuters News Agency. With two grown sons (25 and 23), Charlotte is enjoying life, she says, now that "I can devote my energies to doing things I enjoy and/or find important."

JUDITH BENNETT BANTZ writes from San Francisco that she is "a self-employed (aka unemployed) advertising copywriter" who is enjoying some

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time for herself "before the inevitable tending of invalids and/or grandparenthood." Judith is also enjoying the San Francisco Barnard Club where a recent highlight was "a three-hour trek up Mount Tam followed by a three-hour gabfest in the coffee shop while drying off."

Judith sent news about our classmate JOAN BREIBART who is "retired" in Santa Fe but keeping quite busy with "two teenaged sons, a thriving business venture, the Pilates Institute...and an imminent move from a huge showcase of a house to a more manageable place..."

Several classmates have been "newsmakers." ELINOR DRACHMAN HELFMAN, a matrimonial and family law attorney who has been very active in her support of and fight for women's rights, was named as one of two Women of the Year by the Westchester Women's Equality Day Committee. She was nominated for the award by the Westchester Women's Bar Assn. Unfortunately, Elinor has also been quite ill and hence was unable to attend our 30th Reunion. She is recuperating at home (85 Price St., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522) from a bone marrow transplant and would love to hear from classmates. We congratulate you Elinor, both for your award and for your courageous fight against your illness.

A photograph in an Israeli newspaper from this past summer showed JANET KOFFLER AVIAD standing beside Yassir Arafat. Janet is a professor at Hebrew U in Jerusalem and a leader of "Peace Now" (an activist Israeli peace organization).

We also received news of a different sort from Israel, the shocking announcement of the death of MIRIAM STERN GAFNI in an automobile accident on December 1. For many years Miriam practiced law in Philadelphia, achieving a national reputation in the field of labor and employment law. She was also known as a tireless advocate of public education and as a leader in the Jewish community. At the time of her death, she was director of the Project for Advancement of Tourism in the Galilee for The Jewish Agency for Israel. We extend heartfelt condolences to her husband, The Hon. Abraham Gafni, her son Jonathan, and daughter RACHEL, Barnard '87.

SUSAN GITELSON was pictured in the Columbia University Record in October with the recipients of the Gitelson-Meyrowitz award in the field of human rights. Susan established the award at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs and has established other awards as well, at the Hebrew U in Israel and at the Sutton Place Synagogue.

As you have undoubtedly noticed, MARTHA KOSTYRA STEWART can be seen on television at

all hours and in many newspapers and magazines. Her latest book is *Menus for Entertaining*; another book, *Special Occasions*, featuring menus, recipes and entertaining ideas from her magazine, *Martha Stewart Living*, will be published in May.

Valero Energy Corp. announced the election of SUSAN KAUFMAN PURCELL to its board of directors. Susan serves as a consultant to and is on the boards of numerous Latin American political and business organizations.

On a personal note, I am teaching a beginning Spanish course in Duke's continuing education program this term. We plan to enliven the course with Spanish music and song and to conclude it with a Spanish fiesta.

Thank you in advance for your letters. Have a happy Valentine's Day!

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RONNIE KAYE's book *Spinning Straw Into Gold* was the basis for a free community lecture she gave in October in Summit, NJ, under the auspices of Pathways, a cooperative project offering comprehensive services to women with breast cancer.

PATRICIA JAMISON SHARPE has been named dean of academic affairs at Simon's Rock of Bard College, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1983.

CHARLOTTE GOLDSTEIN KOSKOFF's years of participation in Democratic affairs led to her receiving the party's nomination for Congress from the sixth congressional district of Connecticut in 1994. She was also endorsed by A Connecticut Party but was considered a "long-shot candidate" and unfortunately there was no upset in this race. Charlotte and husband David live in Plainville and she has been a professor at Central Connecticut State U since 1974.

BARBARA KANTOWITZ KALVERT recently retired from NYC's Cultural Affairs Dept., where she was Deputy Director of Cultural Institutions, administering the City's budget to museums and performing arts centers and creating many city-wide cultural programs, including one for homeless children. She also published "Reaching Out," a report documenting the

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variety and quality of cultural educational services in the arts, and created and edited the "Daily News Summer Guide to Cultural Programs." She now does "some volunteer work, some consulting, and—for the first time in my life—work in my husband's medical practice, which happens to be directly across from the Metropolitan Museum." Husband of 30 years Michael is chief of plastic surgery at Nyack Hospital and an asst professor at Albert Einstein medical school. Son Seth is a third-year law student at Columbia and Peter is a junior at Brown.

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COME TO REUNION—MAY 18-21

NANCY BERKO NYMAN has become managing director of the Reynolds Organization. Her focus is on the acquisition of private portfolio offerings of distressed mortgages and real estate. She had previously run her own consulting firm and had served as vp for acquisitions of the Jack Parker Corporation in NY and the president of a related company, Parker Lincoln Developers, in Raleigh. From 1986 to 1989, she was deputy director for liquidation of the Maryland Deposit Insurance Fund and managing agent of the Old Court Savings and Loan in receivership.

RUTH MCKINNEY FITCH's daughter, following in a family tradition, has received her law degree from Harvard and is practicing in San Francisco.

As you'll see when you receive the official announcement of this year's Reunion from the College, the weekend will be filled with interesting speakers as well as the usual camaraderie. Among the panelists on the subject "What's New in Art History?" on Friday is **ESTHER PASZTORI**, who is a professor at Columbia. Another program on art is scheduled for Saturday, and **JUDITH STEIN** will be among a group of curators discussing "Putting on a Show: Art Curators on the Cutting Edge." Come and enjoy!

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I have started writing to each of you. Here are some of the responses I have received. It has been inspiring to get your letters.

RUTH HACHENBURG ADELMAN and I were the only two Conservation of Natural Resources majors in our class. At the time it was almost embarrassing to tell anyone. Now, one of my own daughters has graduated with a major in environmental science and the department was the biggest in her college. Ruth, we are now very "in"! Here is Ruth's progress in her own words:

"I really was probably in the minority at Barnard in that I had no big career ambitions....Even when I decided (because of previous volunteer work for Hospice) to get bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing, it was to be only 'in case' I needed something to do, or a way to support myself. I worked both in adult day care and as a psychotherapist in community health. Then suddenly the opportunity presented itself, and since January 1994 I have been nurse administrator of a new psychiatric day program for the elderly....stressful!...rewarding! It is a terrific feeling when clients and their families tell you what a help

your program is.

"I often can't believe I could be associated with all these big numbers—married 29 years, my sons are 25 (Frank is a financial analyst in Stamford, CT) and 22 (Bill is at Brown)! There certainly have been some very stressful, difficult periods since May 1966. I try to believe my own life experiences help me be a better therapist, but many times I'd say—to no one in particular—enough already, I get the point. And since the alternative doesn't sound like fun, I'm looking forward to 50!"

BARBARA BARUCH asks, "Could anyone possibly be interested in the fact that I'm really involved in successfully trying police pursuit lawsuits for the Harris County, Texas, Attorney's Office? I guess I'll just read about other people with more newsworthy lives." What a tantalizing response. I, Anne, have a thousand questions to ask just from that one question. What on earth do you mean "more newsworthy...who would be interested"?? Please write again.

JONNET STEINBAUM ABELES, a transfer student who lived in International House for her junior and senior years, writes, "My ties to Barnard are fairly slender....Nevertheless, my Barnard memories are very strong, and it's still a joy for me to walk through campus, especially when the cherry trees are in bloom. My path since graduation has been fairly direct. I went to journalism school across the street and wound up at CBS News and at WNET for about a dozen years, mostly working on documentaries. After having two sons in less than two years, I left work to mobilize the home front, renovated a brownstone, worked on a private school board, and finally found myself back at the journalism school in 1988, working for a new dean (and my former boss at WNET), first as an administrator in charge of the duPont-Columbia Awards in broadcast journalism and now with a variety of tasks as asst dean for public affairs. Now I'm rooted at Columbia and I've had a good number of wonderful experiences. To name two: working on a television series with Michael Sovern while he was Columbia's president and helping to organize a bicentennial celebration of the First Amendment—the event that brought Salman Rushdie out of hiding to come to Columbia. The ideals at the J School are high and it feels good, especially when I see how much has changed in the world of broadcast news.

"I'm glad Barnard has become a residential school. I missed a lot by not living among my classmates....It surprises me how much I've written to a class that feels so unknown to me. I guess it is the familiarity that six and a half years at Columbia has brought."

Thank you all for sharing. I'm sorry space limitations made me eliminate some interesting comments.

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GENEVIEVE CERISOLES EDIS writes from Maputo, Mozambique, where her husband has been British Ambassador since August 1992, "one of those jobs where the government gets two workers for the price of one, me being the unpaid one who runs the official hotel-restaurant!! Before Maputo, we were three years at home base in London, where I became a special constable in the Metropolitan Police—that's a voluntary police officer with all the powers of the regular police. My 'beat' was the Piccadilly Circus, Soho, Mayfair area. I loved it and missed it loads

when I left. One minute I was arresting shoplifters, the next I was hosting official dinners for ministers in Africa....Three sons (Rupert 23, Oliver 22, Jamyn 19) are all back home at university."

We learned from a news release from the New Jersey State Bar Association that **FELICE TRAIN LONDA** has been appointed a state delegate to the American Bar Assn House of Delegates. She is also a member of the Amicus Committee of the NJ bar assn and has been active with the National Council of Jewish Women, including service as chair of their UNICEF Committee. Felice lives in Elizabeth, NJ, where she is in general law practice with her husband.

We have heard the voice of **SYLVANA FOA** frequently over the past year as spokesperson for the UN High Commission on Refugees in Geneva. Unfortunately we do not know how to reach her—if anyone is in touch with Sylvana, please tell her we'd like to hear from her!

I hope many of you put "writing to Barbara Chase" on your list of New Year's resolutions. I have a huge mailbox and lots of double-sided, double-density diskettes just waiting for your news. You can even fax me at 908-240-4956, so what are you waiting for?

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DIANE ALMOND sent an update of her life since graduating. It's been rich and varied—she's taught school (including remedial reading), had a Chinese cooking show and book on PBS (40+ markets), raised a multitude of animals, vegetables and a son, Eric, on 80 beautiful Wisconsin rural acres, and has now relocated to Milwaukee, where she has spent the last 12 years in the music/entertainment industry. She is currently marketing director at Narada Media, a record label, and also sells real estate, makes pottery, raises herbs, and rides motorcycles. She and Eric attended the recent induction of **NANCY GERTNER '67** as a Judge on the US District Court in Massachusetts.

AYA BETENSKY reports that she recently moved from New Jersey to Pittsburgh, where her husband, Bob Kraut, has taken a professorship at Carnegie Mellon U. Aya spent almost ten years at Scarecrow Press and is looking for a new job in publishing. She has two sons, Daniel 15 and Joel 11.

ROSALIND FINK is now in private practice, both on her own and as counsel to Brill & Meisel. Building on her 14 years as Columbia's affirmative action officer, she sees clients who want advice or legal representation in employment disputes or other discrimination matters. She is also a senior mediator for JAMS/Endispute, a national organization engaged in the professional practice of alternative dispute resolution, providing ADR services (mediation, arbitration, fact-finding) in individual employment matters and consulting work for corporations and other large organizations on design and implementation of internal employee grievance systems. Her new office address is 488 Madison Avenue, NY 10012, phone 212-753-5599. Roz added that one of the real advantages of being on her own is the opportunity to spend time on *pro bono* and, in the case of her teaching at Barnard, virtually *pro bono* activities. Among the most interesting is the DACOWITS (Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services), to which she was appointed by the Secretary of Defense in January. Its fall meeting was in Virginia Beach,

where its members were "hello'd" onto, and catapulted off, the aircraft carrier *Eisenhower*. She also is a member of the disciplinary committee for the Appellate Division, First Dept, the arm of the NYS court that hears charges of professional misconduct against attorneys practicing in Manhattan and the Bronx, and is a member of the House of Delegates of the NYS Bar Assn. She was just nominated for the vice presidency of the NY County Lawyers' Assn; under Association bylaws and tradition, this will lead to her being installed as its first woman president in 1997.

During the last year, **HILARY GOLDSTONE** started a new law firm, Burns & Goldstone, at 1900 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 2700, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

REBECCA SCHWARTZ GREENE wrote that she has been an attorney with the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Securities, and adjunct professor of history at the NJ Institute of Technology. She has two children, Abraham 17 and Ethan 12.

EVELYN CARROLL KAIN, associate professor of art and chair of the dept at Ripon College, received the James Underkoffler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching at the college's 1994 Awards Convocation.

JILL ADLER KAISER has relocated to Plano, TX, from Orange, CT, and owns a bookkeeping and accounting service. She and her husband, Louis, have two children, Lauren, who just started Princeton, and Scott, a HS sophomore. Jill's new address is 4656 Penbrook Court, Plano, TX 75024.

This past August, **ABBY SOMMER KURNIT** and husband Jeff celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. She just stepped down as chair of the science dept at Pelham HS (where she has taught for 22 years) and will be a "regular teacher"—teaching biology and chemistry. Abby and Jeff are members of the Village Light Opera Group and just finished their fourth British-American Light Opera exchange with the London-based Philbeach Society. This past summer, the entire family performed in Rodgers & Hart's *Boys From Syracuse*.

Last May, **PHYLLIS PASSARIELLO** was awarded tenure at Centre College (Danville, KY), where she has been teaching anthropology since 1988. She formerly taught at the University of Maine, U of Southern Maine, and Bowdoin College, where she also served as asst curator of the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum.

CLAUDIA PITSLER reports that she has moved from Portland, OR, to Florida and is a field representative for SEIU Local 1991, which represents 2,300 RN's at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. She had been primarily negotiating contracts over the last five years, but in her new position is taking cases to arbitration. She writes that she is happy to be back on the east coast. Son Max is in second grade and loves the beach. Claudia's new address is: 8866 Carlyle Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154.

BETSY FREUND PERRY married Richard Ravitch, former chairman of NY's Metropolitan Transportation Authority, in NY this past May. Betsy was a senior editor at *Cosmopolitan* magazine and a producer and movie critic for "Good Day New York" on WNYW-TV.

BARBARA ANN ROTHKRUG's new address is 459 Bosworth St, San Francisco, CA 94112-1445.

TERRY SICKLER SALINGER has moved to Wilmington, DE, and is director of research at the International Reading Assn, an organization com-

posed of more than 91,000 classroom and reading teachers, librarians, teacher educators, and literacy researchers worldwide. After five years at Educational Testing Service, the move has given her a chance to get back into the world of literacy research and policy making in exciting ways. Terry also writes extensively, with a book on literacy acquisition in elementary grades published in 1993 and a revision of an early childhood literacy text due next year. Her husband is still in his research position at New Mexico State U and their "commuter marriage" continues. Her new address is 1400 Lovering Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806.

JEAN GAILLARD SPAULDING reports that her older daughter, Chandler, graduated in May from UCLA's School of Law, and her second daughter, Courtney, is a high school junior. Jean, who was the subject of a profile in the Spring 1994 issue of this magazine, is a practicing psychiatrist and a trustee of Duke University.

It is with regret that we close on a sad note. Many classmates will already have heard of the death in November of **ALICE LOKIEC MILLER**, teacher, writer, and advocate for women of all ages. For the past ten years, she was director of the Brooklyn College Women's Center. She also founded the Eureka Teen Achievement Program, an enrichment program for young women which has been the model for many others around the country. She is survived by her husband and daughter, to whom we extend deepest sympathy.

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EILEEN ELIAS FREEMAN's name is much in the news these days as the author of several best-selling books about angels, of which the newest is *The Angels' Little Instruction Book*, published by Warner. The audiobook version of her *Touched by Angels* was read by Lindsay Crouse (Audio Renaissance). She is also the founder of The AngelWatch Network and publisher of *AngelWatch*, a bimonthly newsletter.

SANDRA NEWMAN CORWIN writes that "our household is shrinking." Her oldest son, Alex, is a senior at Wesleyan and daughter Lila is in her first year at Amherst; two sons are at home. Sandra is teaching in a local public school, in her second year "doing the special education end of inclusion. Each year has been very different but I suppose that's part of what I like about the job. I've been trying to integrate my interest in storytelling into what I do in school."

DR. LINDA LAUBENSTEIN, who died in 1992, is the subject of a play by Larry Kramer entitled *The Normal Heart*. A reading of the play was performed by Julie Harris on Cape Cod. A paraplegic, Linda became a physician and was one of the earliest people in the medical establishment to recognize AIDS as a major epidemic. She spent the remainder of her life treating AIDS patients.

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COME TO REUNION—MAY 19-21

I start with the sad news that a friend of **DORA BEHAR OVADIAH** has written from Jerusalem to report the death in action of Ariel, Dora's eldest son,

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a first lieutenant in the Israeli Defense Forces, Golan Brigade. All the State of Israel joined the family in mourning their loss. Leading his troops in a counter-attack against Arab terrorists in Lebanon, Ariel saved the lives of 15 other young men with his heroic action. Dora did her junior year at Hebrew University, returned there for graduate school in educational psychology, and has made her home in Israel ever since. She works with special children in kindergartens. We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Dora. You can write to her at at Mevo Palyam 35, Tsameret Ha Birah, French Hill, Jerusalem, Israel.

It was very nice to have news of classmate **SOOCHING TSAI**, the first in more than 20 years. Perhaps our coming reunion will stimulate more news. Sooching writes: "Work, marriage, motherhood have occupied most of my time since leaving Barnard. I became a US citizen in 1976 and in 1981, after several years of banking work, I joined the Foreign Service with husband David Kornbluth (CC '70). Our son Andrew was born in Chicago but spent the first ten years of his life overseas. We returned to Washington two years ago and have had several assignments at the State Dept. I am working as a special asst to the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, covering economic issues of the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. For 1995-96, I will be on leave on a sabbatical fellowship to work on a book about immigrants in this country." Sooching would love to hear from classmates in the DC area.

SYLVIA TAFRA has written to say that she is living in Santiago, Chile. Separated three years ago, she

has three children, a son of 21 and daughters 16 and 17. Sylvia is completing a master's degree in literature; her area of specialization is feminist literary criticism and theory.

And while we're on the topic of literature, **NTOZAKE SHANGE** continues to be the object of the intense envy of the former English major in me who dreamt of writing. Her most recent novel *Liliane* has been receiving wonderful reviews. My eighth-grade daughter has just read *Betsey Brown* in her English class (and if you're reading this, Ntozake, you should know that she was not above trying to impress the class with the information that we went to college together). Ntozake continues to live in Philadelphia with her teenage daughter.

NANCY WRIGHT was ordained a minister in 1973. She is the founder and director of the Westside Ecumenical Ministry to the Elderly, Inc., serving as spiritual director and leading retreats. She works as a counselor at St. Michael's Episcopal Church here in Manhattan. She is co-author of a book entitled *Ecological Healing: A Christian Vision* published in 1993. Nancy holds an MA in Environmental Studies and a Master of Divinity degree.

BARBARA BLACK, who graduated from Columbia Law School where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, has been a member of the faculty of Pace University School of Law since 1978 and was named a full professor in 1987. She is a specialist in contracts, securities regulation, and corporations and partnerships and the author of the book *Corporate Dividends and Stock Repurchases* published in 1990. She served as vice dean for three years and as acting dean of the law school in 1993-94. She is currently on a leave of absence to serve as Deputy Director of the Assn of American Law Schools in Washington, DC, and expects to return to the Pace faculty after completing a two year term there.

MARILYN PAUL and Peter Stroh were married in Swampscott, MA in July. According to the newspaper clipping we saw, she is principal consultant at Kaleel Jamison Consulting Group, specializing in workplace diversity, and he has his own consulting firm in organization development.

DORA EISENBERG POLACHEK took me up on my invitation in this column and dropped in while visiting the College in January. Her son Nathaniel is a junior at Yeshiva U High School, living in the city. Dora commutes from Binghamton where she and her husband live, to Ithaca, where she teaches in the French dept at Cornell. She has presented several papers and published recently both in her specialization in French literature and also on films that deal with the pre- and post-Holocaust period in Poland and France.

That's all the news for this time, except some non-news news from your class correspondent. After years and years of advising (and getting paid for it) a zillion college freshmen who then became first-year students as we moved to gender-neutral language, I stood on the sidelines as my oldest daughter Michelle began life as a freshman (they're not gender-neutral yet) at Yale. Suddenly my pearls of wisdom that students waited on line for were worth nothing, as were the platitudes about letting go I had heaped upon a decade's worth of parents. Well, letting go is hard and missing them as they go off is even harder. But I have survived and have even come to enjoy having a daughter in college. I also get a lot of mileage out of exploiting her and my experiences in speeches to students and parents.

See you in May at Reunion; in the meantime, please write.

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It was good to hear from **MARY LANE**, whose whereabouts have never been reported in this column before and who was, in fact, lost to Barnard for several years. She has lived in Los Angeles since 1972, went to law school at UCLA, and has been practicing at the firm of Loeb and Loeb since 1976. She became a partner in the litigation dept. and moved into the insolvency and workout dept. when it was formed in 1989. Her news, however, is her "late but prolific entry into the world of motherhood." In 1992 she and husband David Gordon became the parents of Spencer and this past September twin girls, Charlotte and Roxanne, entered the family. "As you can imagine, taking care of premature twins along with a 2 1/2 year old is an enormous task, but I find motherhood extremely satisfying." Mary is now home on a long maternity leave.

A clipping from the *Tallahassee Democrat* told us that **ANDREA GUTERMAN POLK** was a candidate for Leon County Commission in the fall. We regret to say that she lost, but we congratulate her for getting in there and fighting. An epidemiologist, she founded the AIDS Information Network at Florida A&M, where she is an adjunct professor.

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NANCY FIELDMAN writes that she received a PhD in clinical psychology from Rutgers in 1992.

BARBARA COHEN-STRATYNER is curator of exhibitions at the NY Public Library for the Performing Arts, which means that she develops 8-10 exhibits with public programs each year.

JANET COLLIER is in her second year of teaching 6th grade in the Oakland (CA) public schools, "a very mixed bag of pluses and minuses." She has a sixth grader of her own (Nicholas), as well as a fourth grader (Simon). "Still enjoying an ever-deepening friendship with my freshman roommate, **JAMIE STUDLEY**, and spent New Year's Eve with **LINDA RATET KRAEMER** and her husband, Rick, as my husband, Leon Masiewicki, and I do every year.

The name of our former correspondent, **SUZANNE LEVINSON SAMELSON** appears elsewhere in this section in the notice of candidates for AABC office for the coming year; she is a candidate for the nominating committee—vote for her! She has her own company, Suzanne Samelson, Hunter/Gatherer, which does executive searches and corporate research. She is also membership development chair of BBPVV. Last year, as one of our classmates who made phone calls for Barnard's Annual Fund, she spoke to **FRANCINE BERMAN** in Exeter, NH, and learned that Fran's son's bar mitzvah was scheduled for this past June. (Our apologies for taking so long to pass along this news.)

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I've received several letters from classmates these past months. What a treat! Everyone is hideously busy; I very much appreciate the effort it takes to write.

JESSICA RAIMI writes: "I have the honor of serving as president of Barnard Business & Professional Women, the famous alumnae group dedicated to professional and personal development and networking. I am otherwise self-employed as a writer, editor, and graphic designer, doing some of my work out of a small printing concern in lower Manhattan. Last year I moved from Chinatown to Tribeca, and as a downtown artist type I continue to wear black and drink espresso.

"Another class note: I recently had dinner with **VICTORIA BRUSH**, my freshman-year roommate. She is also in business for herself, as an accountant based in Brooklyn, and we had a most enjoyable discussion of the pleasures and terrors of being one's own boss."

My next note came from London and it took me a moment to process a) the postage-metered 60p stamp (the first foreign metered stamp in Andy's collection—a landmark) and b) the contents. **ELIZABETH MOSS** sent an information-dense half-page 25-year synopsis. Backwards. At the risk of "dulling down" her delightful letter, here are excerpts. Forwards. Elizabeth received her MBA (Finance) from Wharton in 1975 and worked for Morgan Guaranty in NY for two years. During 1977-1989 she worked for Saudi International Bank, a Morgan affiliate, in London, eventually heading its private banking group. "Needless to say," she wrote, "it was a very interesting period both for business in the Middle East and for a woman doing business in the Middle East." In 1983 she married and from 1989 until last year was at home full-time with children Christopher and Cassie. With her letter she sent the formal announcement from Merrill Lynch International Bank of her appointment as a vp of their private banking group. She wrote that she had to sit the Series 7 exam and "it was fun to study and be paid to do it." She also got the highest grade in her group, which must have added to the fun. Of life as a working ex-pat mom, she says, "life is good in London, particularly because I get back to NY frequently with the children for various family functions."

More condensed news briefs came through the Barnard clipping service. **MARILYN (MISSY) HARRIS** was married in July to Mark Moskovitz. She is a vp at Time Warner in NYC, with responsibility for program development for Catalog I, a cable shopping channel. Her husband is a special assistant attorney general in the NYS special prosecutor's office for Medicaid fraud control.

SUZANNE MCALLISTER is a clinical psychologist who left her private practice in NYC and moved to Northville, MI, in June. She married Douglas Kurtis, a "world class marathon runner" and writes that she will establish a practice in Michigan. As a psychiatrist in private practice myself, I can imagine the courage it took to make that move!

One of the pleasures of this column is the opportunity to give publicity to favorite "groups." I have been watching **JAN HOLLAND** work with the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players for several years now. I was a G&S player at Barnard and Jan was president of the society. Albert Bergeret was the president from "across the street" and Al went on to found NYGASP with his wife Gail. Jan has been with the company from its inception, both in front and "behind

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the scenes." I rarely get a chance for more than a "hello" when I attend performances at Symphony Space (Broadway & 95th) because Jan is busy setting up, striking a set, or doing one of the other thousand things a stage manager involves. She finished her BA in 1980 at Columbia-GS, after changing her major, and earned her master's in 1983. She was working her way up in banking and working with NYG&SP at the same time, which was a daunting schedule. Some years ago she told her folks that she "was abandoning all pretense about ever having a respectable job" to devote herself full time to theatrical work. She now stage manages for several companies, including Opera Northeast, NJ State Opera, and Connecticut Grand Opera. She toured the midwest last spring and this winter could again be found in the lighting booth for NYG&SP performances. Jan lives on the Upper West Side when not touring.

No need to pad the column this time with news from me. Hooray! By the time you read this, can spring be far away? *Feliz Navidad, Joyeux Fêtes, Hag Sameag.*

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Leaving her position as associate director of admissions at UC-Santa Barbara, **RACHEL HENDRICKSON** has taken a new job as director of admissions at The U of North Carolina at Greensboro. She will be responsible for the undergraduate admissions program.

MARILYN CAROL has been granted associate medical status with privileges in the dept of obstetrics/gynecology at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Pottsville, PA. Marilyn's medical degree is from Tulane.

DEBORAH GREEN is a lobbyist whose firm, Ross and Green, specializes in human rights advocacy. Deborah's goal is to get involved in issues more directly, and to this end she ran in the Democratic primary in the 8th Congressional District in NYC (Upper West Side). She also helped found the New Alliance Party, now 15 years old. Deborah's professional history includes working as asst vp for CIT Financial Services and running a consulting firm for grassroots organizations. From 1989 to 1992 she was political director of the Rainbow Lobby.

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MARTHA WISEMAN gave a reading from her "Dorset Poems" and her short fiction at the Elm Street Arts series in Manchester, VT.

SYLVIA FARRINGTON has moved from her position as implementation specialist at Jostens, Inc. to be national strategic market consultant with NewsBank, Inc. in Naples, FL.

Michael and **ELIZABETH SHEEDY LUDAS** recently moved from Middletown, NY, to Upton, Mass. John 7 started first grade in September, which leaves Elizabeth's days at her own disposal for the first time since the arrival of Victoria 13 and Mark 12.

DEBORAH GOLDSTEIN has left her position as director of the Jewish Community Educational Resource Center in Syracuse, NY to accept a newly created position as Director of Jewish Education at

the Jewish Community Center in Atlanta. Deborah is charged with infusing a higher level of Jewish content into the Center's programs.

We extend condolences to **RUTH ROBERTS SABOL** and her son Michael on the death of their husband and father.

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A thoughtful note from **DEBORAH DEROW BRUENELL** in Los Angeles: "How to sum up almost 20 years? I'm a completely different person with the same major interest—film. More cynical, knowledgeable, self-assured; less creative, naive, self-centered. After six years of free-lance post-production work, I decided to attack the industry from another side—went to Stanford Law School and moved to L.A. After a series of mis-jobs, ended up at Columbia Pictures four years ago. I've seen 100% turnover in my dept and recently made vp (and missed a business affairs slot due to poor networking and being pregnant at the wrong time). Married a great guy five years ago, had two sons, Brad 2 and Saul almost 1, watched both my mother-in-law and mom die, closed up the ancestral rent-controlled apartment (another link to NYC gone). Life is good but exhausting and I'm at that age and stage where I wonder if this is all there is and I worry about crime—oops, gotta go...the baby's crying for lunch."

RESA SCHLEIFER FOGEL holds a PhD in clinical psychology and is employed at Hackensack (NJ) Medical Center in the Institute for Child Development. She lives with her husband (Dr. Joseph), a dentist, and their two daughters in Passaic. Resa also serves as a consultant to two yeshivot in her community as part of an independent child study team. She writes that she remembers Barnard as some of the best years of her life!

VIVIAN KAFANTARIS recently received a five-year Clinical Mental Health Academic Award from the National Institute of Mental Health, to support further training in research. Her area of interest is the treatment of adolescents with bipolar (manic-depressive) disorder. She will be working at Hillside Hospital of LI Jewish Medical Center.

You'll see on the *Ex Libris* page of this issue that **CATHERINE WALD** is the translator of a recently published novel, *Childish Things*, by Valery Larbaud. She is a freelance writer whose work for corporate clients and business publications has won numerous industry awards. She is also working on her first novel. She lives with her husband and two children in

Mohegan Lake, NY.

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Not much news to report this time around, but what we've got is good. First, **CELIA WEISMAN** is now associate director for development at MossRehab Hospital in Philadelphia, the region's largest provider of medical rehabilitation services. Celia has worked for a number of health care, arts, and human services groups, like the Muscular Dystrophy Assn, the Nat'l Council for Jewish Women, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

I also received a lovely note from **ANN LOUGHLIN BERRIOS**, whom I hadn't heard from in much too long. At the time she wrote, Ann was on maternity leave following the birth of her daughter Caroline Ann, who arrived on August 4. Ann and her husband, Miguel, have a son, Miguel James, born in March 1990. Ann reports that her husband is an asst prof in the dept of pharmacological sciences at SUNY-Stony Brook, where he also runs the electron microscopy center. "I married a brain," she notes. Ann herself is an administrative asst for the AIDS Education and Resource Center. She also takes courses "when I can" and received an MA in liberal studies in 1992. "This from a woman who completed Barnard without cracking a book and has a transcript to prove it!" Now, Ann....

By the time you read this, it will be 1995 and some of us will be closing in on—or have already reached!—our 40th birthdays. Does anyone have thoughts to share on becoming middle-aged?

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While it's true that our classmate **NATALIE ANGIER** won a Pulitzer Prize for her fabulous science reporting in the *New York Times*, I have made a scientific discovery of my own that is nearly as important. It seems that my piteous pleas for news in the last alumnae column brought forth a slew of letters, proving my thesis that inducing guilt is the best way to get results. Now, where's my prize?

Here's a typical response: "After reading your poignant alumnae notes column, I have been stirred to offer up the little tale of my doings," writes **LAURIE JOAN ARON**—and she's a member of the Class of '79! Seeing as we are an equal-opportunity column, we will report on Aron anyway. She is a freelance

writer who has segued from offering parental advice to writing on "technology, logistics, government finance, natural disasters, the veterinary supply business, and anything else I can convince alumni, trade, and corporate publications I know anything about." Aron, a recent convert like myself from DOS to Mac, can make a guest appearance in the '78 column any time.

Another typical response, this time from a true '78-er: "Having just read your woebegone class news, I feel compelled to drop you a line," writes the appropriately shamefaced **MARTHA MITCHELL**. After 14 years as a script supervisor, "I am directing my second 'Law & Order' episode." Mitchell has been in touch with Carol Fink Pratt, Sharon Kleinbaum, and Ellen Doherty.

"Your complaint is duly noted," writes the contrite **GEORGIA RAGLAND**. "I persuaded **LANEY MCHARRY** to drive from Chicago to my dad's house in St. Louis for Thanksgiving." Ragland has recovered from a stress fracture in her left foot. "I took this as a sign that maybe I should try horseback riding since hiking was pretty much out. Big mistake. Live and learn. I want to try kayaking next; forget the horse."

Another penitent heard from: **MARGOT SCHWAAB SAGE-EL**, who enclosed her award-winning children's book catalog (Great Owl Books) and a photo of her gorgeous family, including husband Barry and tykes Trevor, Madeleine, and bright-eyed Olivia. To receive the catalog, which highlights quality books that represent children of all ethnicities, call 800-299-3181.

JESSIE JEAN-RUSH can be excused for not feeling appropriately guilty, since she just moved to Tucson from Okinawa with her three children, Kira 10, Eddie Jr. 7, and Kesha-Nichole 6. She's a pediatrician for the US Air Force.

Speaking of pediatrics, **DENISE BLUMBERG** is director of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism at Nassau County Medical Center. She and fellow doctor-husband Joseph S. Cernia live in Roslyn with David 6 and Lisa 4. Wife and husband are both listed in the guidebook "How to Find the Best Doctors."

I hope New Yorkers were able to catch **JUDITH WEINSTEIN**'s photo exhibit "Defining Lifestyles: From Dublin to Bangkok" last summer at Cardozo law school. It consisted of "86 cibachrome prints of photos taken in more than six countries, documenting many diverse lifestyles."

Ah, the wonders of inducing guilt; so many of you come out of the woodwork.

As for me, I am still a film critic for the *New York Daily News* and have just completed my second book, *Total Exposure: The Movie Buff's Guide to Hollywood Nude Scenes*. Who says I don't have my finger on the pulse of popular taste? The book will be out from Citadel Press in May, and although I expect each and every one of you to buy it, that doesn't mean those of you who never bought my first book, *First Films*, are off the hook. Only 298 shopping days left until Christmas!

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No news from you this time—I hope that means you're thinking about what you're going to send me for the next issue...

Meanwhile, I hope this finds you all well, looking back on a happy holiday season and forward to a glorious 1995.

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COME TO REUNION—MAY 19-21

It was past the deadline, as usual, when I set about the double job of cleaning my little office space at home and finding the letters and press clips that I needed to write this column. I was pretty enthusiastic, thinking I would accomplish two painful jobs at once, when news of a Columbia classmate's death knocked the wind out of my sails. Old Barnard and Columbia friends met up at the Saturday morning funeral and we hugged and cried as we remembered youthful days, when sickness and death seemed far away. But every now and then, as the years go by, a friend's parent or sibling, or even a friend, passes on and we're reminded not to take for granted the precious moments with those we love.

So, as bedtime comes on Sunday and the kids are kick-fighting and screaming their way to their rooms, I'm sitting down to write this column and savoring every minute. Did I mention that my husband has been in the basement all night trying to start the boil-

er because we have no heat or hot water and it's three degrees outside? I love it!

Speaking of husbands, Dr. **HELENE PRICE**, neurologist, married Dr. Charles Gropper, dermatologist, last June in Long Island. The announcement in the *NY Times* mentions that both practice in NY. Helene got her MD from NY Medical College and is a clinical instructor at Mt. Sinai Medical Center.

CATHY TAUB married Lowell Freiberg, an SVP and CFO of Reliance Group Holdings, last April. Cathy got her law degree from George Washington U and is asst counsel at Marsh and McLennan.

On to babies: **ANNE CLAYTON RAFAL** and husband Gary have a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Eve, born last April. They live in Hewlett, LI, and Anne has been practicing optometry in Brooklyn for eight years.

VICKI JETTER EICHENBAUM and her husband had twins, Marc Harris and Jonnah Beth, in July. They join Barry 5 and Rebecca 4. Vicki practices pediatrics in Baldwin Harbor, NY, and her husband, Joseph, practices cardiology in Hewlett. Understandably, she adds: "Life is very hectic but we are managing (with a lot of help)." I bet.

On to careers: I received an article from the Alumnae Office about **PAULA FRANZESE**. It's too long to repeat in detail so let's just say Paula is making her mark at Seton Hall Law School, where she is a tenured professor. Her latest achievement is to be a panelist on a distinguished roster for Unity Day at Seton Hall—an event organized to provide Italian-Americans a forum regarding ethnic stereotyping in the media.

Some of us are really "on the move." **ANNA TAAM** has resigned from her position at Columbia, where she assisted in overseeing the management of the University's endowment. She traveled in China during January and is teaching business courses at Zhongshan University in Guangzhou for this semester. She wrote that she is "looking forward to seeing first-hand some of the changes China is undergoing and to improving my Chinese language skills. (I hope any alumnae in the area will look me up!)"

I was pleased to hear that **LISA STEWART** is back in business on her own. She has established a new fund management company in Hong Kong, Bowen Capital Management, specializing in Asian financial markets.

LOIS ELFMAN has also started a new project. I received a copy of *International Figure Skating*, of which she is managing editor. *IFS* is the first skating magazine to be sold on newsstands in the US and Canada. She writes, "The response to the magazine has been extremely enthusiastic and I look forward to announcing additional projects in the future!"

Other "new career news" comes from **ROSEMARY VOLPE**. Rosemary left the magazine world and is now back to her longtime interest—art and natural science. She is a natural science illustrator, working out of her home studio in Brooklyn. She has had exhibits around NYC and NY State and nationally while closing the gaps as an instructor in the education dept of the NY Botanical Garden.

Even closer to home, **ELIZABETH MASHNIC** of Forest Hills recently received her MD at SUNY-Stony Brook. She will be doing her residency in general surgery at the NY Hospital Medical Center in Queens.

CHRISTINE EDWARDS took the plunge and actually left New York after all these years. She is now director of perinatal medicine at a Baltimore

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hospital. She lives in Columbia, MD, and would be happy to hear from Barnard women in the area. (I have her number. Write me and I'll pass it on.) Christine writes, "It took a lot of courage to leave NY, but I'm happy that I did."

In closing, I ask one small special favor, especially from the MDs who have characteristically forgotten neat penmanship: *please write legibly*. It's awkward to interpret important things like kids' and husbands' names, your titles, etc.

So let's tie this all together...

We brought the birdcage in from the porch so the birds wouldn't freeze tonight. My husband left a trail of seed through the house and in the zillion dollar dining room for which we are still paying. Our parakeets now have the place of honour, their cage decorating the buffet as feathers and more bird seed adorn the floor and carpet. The priceless table runners are gone and replaced with the Sunday Times. Perhaps I'll be mad next week. Tonight it's just another precious moment to savor.

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It's a new season, and once again, a new apartment. 1994 started with a late night escape from the street gangs of Newark during the darkest winter of my life, on to living in a "closet" in Pequannock, where there was no room to paint, to a heatless apartment in Lyndhurst, to an apartment with a view of the NY skyline and plenty of room to paint and write. Now I see Barnard from the New Jersey side!

DEBBIE UNGERLEIDER shared with great joy that she and her husband Rich Brookler were married in 1991 and are blessed with a baby girl named Adara, born in September 1993. Debbie is very busy juggling being a mom and a full-time pediatrician in Midland Park, NJ, honestly saying she is at the stage of "rather be at home."

ANA CARRASQUILLO is a senior internal auditor at Helene Curtis, Inc., in Illinois, married to Charles P. Romaken.

TOMMASINA PAPA-RUGINO, MD, and family moved to 3719 Swallowtail Drive in Morgantown, WV 26505. She is continuing as full time mom to Alex 7, Angela 3, and Marisa 1, while her MD husband is busy at work.

As the classes of '80 and '81 were extremely close, I heard from Spring Break companion of '80, DEVI HAMMET. She lives in Hoboken, works at Prudential in Newark. Fort "La de Da" hasn't been the same since we left—in fact, they are still recovering.

I received a beautiful letter from GAIL LATIMORE ADICHIE who responded to a plea from MARCIA SELLS—to get in touch! She has been married to her husband, Walter, a nuclear pharmacist, for almost a decade. In February 1992 they were blessed with identical twin girls (Njideka and Nneka). Between twin motherhood and a full career, she has been extremely busy. Shortly after Barnard Gail spent nearly a year in Nigeria, a life-changing and enriching experience. She then studied urban affairs/city planning at Boston U, proudly stating her professional experience has all been related to her education. She served as planning director for the largest community action agency in New England and is now deputy director of one of the largest private community and economic development agencies in Boston (Codman

Square Neighborhood Development Corp.).

Gail recently was asked by Barnard's Women of Color to be a mentor to a '94 graduate, and found a match with LAY CHENG LEE '81. She believes seriously in mentorship as it is invaluable to encourage Barnard students to accomplish their dreams. The Latimore Adichie family has a local scholarship fund, and each year gives an inner city high school senior a scholarship to go to college. Gail would love to hear from SIRIA LOPEZ '80, as well as how '80 and '81 graduates of color are doing. Thanks for the letter of inspiration, you are indeed a model of Barnard spirit as in Luke 8:5-8: "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road; and it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it, and choked it out. And other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great."

Keep in touch, Class of '81, for we have the whole world to care for and with each other's support miracles can happen every day.

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JANIS HARDIMAN ROBINSON and her husband have bought a bicycle manufacturing business, LT Helmets, in Colorado. Janis' spouse is an investment banker in Chicago so the entire family is commuting between Chicago and Colorado Springs. Not to use our class notes as a personal platform, but as a neurologist, I must add that a bicycle helmet is essential for all cyclists, both large and small.

JENNIFER HOULT recently won the Artists International Auditions and the American Harp Society's Concert Artist Program competition and is the Concert Artist designate of the American Harp Society. She was to have her NY solo debut at Carnegie Recital Hall this January. If you need a harpist, call Jennifer; she'd be happy to help out.

PATRICIA MCCRAY FERNANDEZ has been appointed guidance counselor at Fox Lane HS in Bedford, NY. Patricia has master's degrees from the New School for Social Research and Teachers College.

LISA DESCHENES and Christopher Reiche were married September 24 on the Outer Banks in Duck, NC. The wedding was "tiny"; the ceremony took place on the beach and guests came barefoot but in formal attire. Lisa and Chris became homeowners two months before the wedding, adding to the excitement of the event. Lisa is a trader at the Foreign Exchange desk at the Bank of Boston.

NEHAMA DRESNER is a psychiatrist at Northwestern U in Chicago. She runs the consultation service for obstetrics & gynecology and is involved in teaching both psych and ob residents as well as specializing in postpartum issues, medication adjustment, and psychiatric implications of infertility, high risk pregnancy and oncology. When I spoke to Nehama, her children, Joe and Dina, were busy packing as the family is building a new house in Chicago, within walking distance of the synagogue where her husband is rabbi.

CATHERINE FULLER MENDEZ and husband Raymond became the parents of a daughter, Cordelia Fuller Mendez in June 1993.

ERICA ZOLBERG married Alan Kelman in October 1993. Erica is a producer for the CBS weekend news.

MARGARET PENICK KIERSTED has written to us about the book, *The Legacy of Inherited Wealth: Interviews with Heirs*, of which she is co-author with two other women. She writes that they were motivated by their own experience: each of them has inherited wealth and has had her own difficulties in dealing with it. They have completed about 50 interviews but continue to look for people with interesting stories for ongoing projects. Margaret writes: "I believe that a number of Barnard women have grown up in affluence and they may well have something to say about the nature of that experience." Alumnae who would like to work with Margaret should write to her at The Inheritance Project, 5945 Bilton Lane, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 4M3.

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For the past two years PAT CREMINS has been working with other dancers at the Wyoming Dance Theater Project and the School for New Dance Development in Amsterdam and Göteborg, Sweden to develop "Dance Across Borders: First International Symposium on Cooperative Exchange in

Dance." This long-standing dream came to fruition in January, when dance artists and administrators from Paris, Amsterdam, Estonia, Sweden, Canada, Hong Kong, and New York gathered at the Dia Center for the Arts to teach, perform, and participate in seminars. Pat participated in the program as panelist and choreographer.

MARY HUTTON BÜRGI is a family physician in Oak Park, IL. She and husband Peter (CC '83) have three young children. She often sees **ANNE MUNSON**, who lives in Chicago with her dog Lucy and is a busy internist.

INGE POLAK was married last winter to Lester **BRAFMAN** (CC '84). She writes that she has left the world of advertising sales and "for now I am happily concentrating on home and family." However, she also takes every opportunity to travel and spend time with friends in Spain.

ALISON DAVIS writes that she finished up work for her master's in psychology in L.A. and returned to NY last winter to care for her father, Professor Howard McParlin Davis (Columbia 1944-93) who died in September. She is at work on her first book, *The Naked Ballerina: Diary of a Professional Tease*, which she hopes will be made into a feature film. Good luck, Alison!

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Hello, folks. Hope that you have recuperated from the holidays. Winter is really upon us, now—it's dark at four in the afternoon, you've gained ten pounds, and you think you've got SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder)? Here's the new and noteworthy from classmates to cheer you up!

MIRIAM WAHRMAN was sorry to miss our 10th Reunion, although she was a member of our class committee for the Annual Fund. She left law firm life last April and joined MasterCard International in NY as assistant US regional counsel. There she performs basic contractual work and is involved in regulatory and legislative matters. She tells us that **ANNA NEWLIN** is a genetic counselor and clinic coordinator of the Eye and Ear Infirmary at the U of Illinois in Chicago. She has a master's in human genetics from the U of Michigan and was a genetic counselor at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA.

We also heard from **JUDY KUMMER** who left NY after two years as housing director at Barnard—for the amazing neighborhood of Mount Airy, PA. (How right she is! It combines the best of Park Slope—it even has a food coop—with lovely trees and beautiful old stone and brick homes!) She is in her fifth and final year of training at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) in Philadelphia and will be ordained in June. Since August 1993 she has also been rabbi and Hebrew school director at Temple B'nai Abraham in Bordentown, NJ. She also swims, and writes creative musical settings for traditional Jewish liturgy. One of her pieces was used at the RRC graduation ceremony last year and another will be published in a book of new Jewish liturgy by Marsha Falk. She was also commissioned by a Manhattan synagogue to write a piece for their use. The frosting on the cake is that this past summer she became an aunt to a beautiful little girl, Eve Helen.

Judy also wrote that at Reunion in May she learned that **RACHEL BRESSEL EISEN**, who lives north of NYC, just had her second child, a boy, and "seems

pretty happy with her life with husband and kids." She also saw **IRENE FRIEDLAND**, who is working with computers and the arts. She hopes Rachel and Irene will write and scold her if she's gotten the details wrong! She also heard from **MARIAN ALEXANDER '83**; she and her husband, Dan Ornstein (CUGS '84) have moved from Raleigh, NC, to Albany, NY, where Dan is rabbi at Congregation Ohav Shalom; they are expecting their second child.

DIANE RIM is working here in Philadelphia after earning her law degree in May. She has been spotted bicycling up Broad Street and around town by our roving reporter. And **DEIRDRE D'ALBERTIS**, who was a tutor and teaching fellow at Harvard, where she earned her MA and PhD, is an assistant professor of languages and literature at Bard College. She has published and presented in her areas of specialization: Victorian literature and culture gender studies and narrative theory.

News from other classes: **GRACE KAJITA '85** has returned from California to be a medical student at Einstein. **GOPA KHANDWALA '85**, who earned her master's from Harvard School of Education, is now moving toward another degree. Details later! At work at the firm Post & Schell, PC, I met **THERESA N'JAI '74**. She is an attorney there and sends greetings to her classmates, "I'm alive and well and living in Philadelphia."

P.S. Did anyone celebrate the holidays humming along to the "dark yet humorous" tunes of the Five Chinese Brothers? Remember Paul Foglino (CC '84, SEAS '85) and Tom Meltzer (CC '84), aka The Special Guests? I read that they released an EP entitled Santa Claustrophobia. Those wacky guys! Regards to **LIBBY O'CONNOR '86**, who is rumored to hang with those musician types still. (Tell me, where else could you find a bunch of women working as genetics counselors, rabbis, scholars, attorneys, artists, and moms, among other things? Truly amazing! Now we need news about the rest of youse!) Write soon.

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News from **CHARENE ZALIS**: "Last year, my husband Peter Waldman (Middle East correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*) and I moved to Amman, Jordan. We have traveled together to Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and Egypt, where I have reported and produced television stories for PBS, Nickelodeon, and British TV. Having worked for NBC News & Sports and PBS in the States for ten years, I am now enjoying the freelance life on the road. We have also given birth to a baby girl named Jenna Zalis Waldman on October 9, 1994."

DEBORAH ATKIN married Bryan Haggerty in October. She is working at Fidelity Investments and her husband is a financial analyst. They are living in Boston.

BARBARA ANN MOSS sends greetings from Kansas City, MO, where she is attending the U of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine. She also sends thanks to Dean Esther Rowland "and all the folks at the preprofessional office at Barnard—that's a BIG thank you! I'm proud to say that our best professor here is a woman and that women chair some of the strongest organizations on campus. (I am president-elect of the Family Practice group, the largest club.) I'd love to be at Reunion in May but my

mother turns 70 that same weekend and I suspect I'll be tied up with family fêtes. My best to all."

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Happy New Year sisters! Lots of interesting updates for you, so here goes:

LISA BERLIN completed her PhD in developmental psychology from Penn State and is working at Teachers College. She enjoys being back on the Upper West Side and is hoping to do some Barnard-related events and to cross paths with classmates. If any of you would like to contact Lisa, please call me or the Alumnae Office for her address and telephone number.

DENISE NEWMAN completed her PhD in clinical psychology at the U of Minnesota and is a post-doctoral research fellow at the U of Wisconsin in developmental psychopathology and personality. **MARI-ANNE PUGATCH** is in a graduate school in Cambridge, MA pursuing an MA in guess what? Psychology!

VIVIAN LADD is the new outreach and education specialist at the Hood Museum of Art in Dartmouth. Vivian conducts workshops at many area schools on the use of visual arts and museum experiences as educational tools to enhance classroom learning. In college, Vivian ran the Barnard Bartending Agency.

MICHELE PATRICIA ROONEY, MD, finished her residency at Thomas Jefferson U Hospital in Philadelphia and is an obstetrician/gynecologist in Bergen County, NJ.

SHIRLEY ALDEBOL, a caseworker in the NYC Human Resources Administration's Division of Adoption and Foster Care Services, is executive vp of the Social Service Employees Union, Local 371 of District Council 37. Shirley fights for better work conditions for caseworkers, including reduced paperwork, the bane of every social worker's job. Good luck in taking on the city budget with all those looming social service cuts, Shirley! We need more activists like you!

I saw **NINA ROTHSCILD** at a mutual friend's apartment. She looked terrific and informed me that she is in a doctoral program in health policy at Columbia Presbyterian and is also working at the Commission on Women's Health.

A nice long letter from **SUSAN MELTZER SMITH** covered a lot of time and activity. She did research at St. Luke's for two years, graduated from U-VT med school in 1992, moved to Wilmington, NC, and married David Smith, a detective with the Wilmington police dept, this past August. After honeymooning on a sailboat in the Virgin Islands, they returned to their new house, with its lawn of sand, and Susan resumed her residency in general surgery, which she loves "most of the time."

On the maternal front congratulations go to **LISA RYAN FUGGER**, who gave birth to a baby boy, Kyle, last July 14, and to **NAOMI VOSS POTTER**, whose baby girl, Ruth, arrived on July 3. Lisa and husband Hunter bought a house and moved to Gahanna, Ohio, outside Columbus. Naomi, for a change, has stayed in one place, Vancouver, since I last heard from her. Welcome to the wonderful wacky world of motherhood!

In October I got together with **JULIE GOSS** and **LIZA CHIANELLI**, our class vp and president,

respectively. See—you learn something new every day! Julie has moved to Atlanta, so I was lucky to catch her while she was still in town. We paid a visit to Liza who was recuperating from two major abdominal surgeries due to endometriosis. She is a brave trooper; with all of this medical stuff going on, he is also attending Yeshiva U Wurzelweil School of Social Work! And she wonders how I do it with two babies and a new house?!

Actually, it's easier for me to manage now that I've come back to work. I'm a social worker three days a week at a small community-based agency that provides Meals-On-Wheels and home care services to homebound elderly. Working is like a vacation compared to staying home and taking care of two babies in diapers. I really do feel that I am getting "the best of both worlds"—motherhood and a chance to keep up with my career. Gabrielle 2 and Naomi 8 months are adjusting well to their excellent nanny, who takes home practically my whole paycheck! It's still worth it for me. Fortunately, my husband, Mark, supports my decision to return to work on a part-time basis and that makes it easier, too.

I look forward to hearing from you and wish everyone a safe, blizzard-free winter!

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I hope everyone is keeping warm this winter! Here is what's happened since I last wrote...Congratulations to KELLY SABINI, who was awarded a Fulbright grant to conduct anthropological field research in Brazil with regard to gender issues in the Afro-Brazilian Candomble as revealed through dance. She will examine the roles and status of women and the part female deities play in the formation of feminine identity, using dance as her primary tool for analysis. Since college Kelly has spent time living and dancing in Europe and Africa. She received an MFA in dance and choreography from Smith College and was a guest faculty member at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, teaching Afro-Caribbean and modern dance.

ALLEGRA PACHECO wrote that she has moved to Israel and is practicing human rights law in Jerusalem.

I received a wonderful letter from my Plimpton suitemate, LAURA MALKIN-STUART. Laura married Juan Carlos Plotnicoff (SEAS '86) in Colombia, South America, and they live in Dallas with sons Nicholas 3 and Adrian, almost 2. They have started their own marketing firm in the optical field, servicing Latin American manufacturers. They are also working for Johnson Publishing on a Latin American trade journal for the optical industry.

The *NY Times* brought news that JENNIFER SHER married Jeremy Marshall in July. She is manager of the Bridge Cafe in Manhattan and he is a chef. They hope to open a contemporary American restaurant in NYC.

MARIA PARADISIS graduated from the U of Pittsburgh medical school and is a pediatrician at Springfield Pediatrics in western NY.

An article in the San Francisco Bay *Guardian* highlighted LYDIA ELY as a local hero. Lydia founded and is editor of *Street Sheet*, a newspaper by and for the homeless in San Francisco, providing them with an alternative to panhandling. It has sold over 30,000 copies every month.

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This past October, I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of EMILY COSTELLO '88 to Eric Nelson. The guests included MARIAN EIDE, who recently earned her PhD from the U of Penna; JANET SU RESELE-TIDEN, who is still working for the Federal Reserve Bank of NY; MARY SUTTER, who is working for Quick Nikkei News but is looking forward to moving to Mexico City; Cathy Webster, dean of the first-year class at Barnard(!); and CHRISTIANNE ORTO, a producer in the classical division of BMG records in NY. It was a lovely afternoon wedding and it was wonderful to see everyone.

CATHY MIKELIS-BLAKE and husband Chris have bought a home in Tenafly, NJ. Cathy let me know that THEODORA ANDROPOULOS has accepted a position as an attorney in Greece. MARY SUTTER reports that LAURA TILLINGER BENJAMIN has a post-doctoral position at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Laura, husband Fred, and their children Yael and Noah will all be moving to Israel. Mary also saw UNA O'DOUGHERTY, who is married to a fellow scientist, having recently completed a round in surgery as part of her MD/PhD program at Rockefeller U.

Finally, I am pleased to tell you that I was just promoted to senior editor and electronic product manager of the Tax Dept. at Warren, Gorham & Lamont, a legal publishing company in NY.

That's all for now—keep in touch.

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Greetings! Our first piece of news is the joyous occasion of EMILY COSTELLO's marriage. Emily, our last class correspondent, was married to Eric Nelson in October. She has been writing children's books and he is an architect. Congratulations to them!

You may remember that I wrote about ELIZABETH FERBER in my last column. She has now sent news of NESLIHAN DANISMAN, who is finishing her fourth successful season as a fashion designer, promoting her own line of clothing called "neslihan."

Her clothes can be found at Bendel's, Barneys, and boutiques around NYC and across the country. DEBORAH DONENFELD has been working as a photojournalist since returning from an around-the-world trip a few years ago. Both were attendants at Elizabeth's wedding in June. Elizabeth and her husband, filmmaker Josh Lebowitz, live in Cobble Hill. She will back at Barnard on the evening of April 26th to read from her novel and other works as part of the Women's Center series "Speaking of Women..."

As you know, this column appears quarterly and a lot can happen in the intervals between issues. STACY WALDMAN ALPER wrote to update our information about her—for the past year she has been manager of corporate operations at Savoy Pictures Entertainment, a young movie company best known for *A Bronx Tale* and *Shadowlands*. Stacy loves her job and describes it as a cross between investment banking and negotiating aspects of lawyering. She was married in March '92. She and her husband, Dan, moved back to the city from Connecticut and are living in the apartment where she lived during college.

We also have an update on ILANA AARONSON MEYERS. She has her own business, Ilana Lea Millinery. She designs and manufactures couture bridal headpieces. Her creations have been featured in *Modern Bride*, *Elegant Bride*, *Bride's Magazine*, and *NJ Bride*. She also did three hats for Whoopi Goldberg's wedding last October. Ilana is married to Glenn Meyers (CC '84) and they live in New City, NY.

MICHELE TAUBENBLAT is a student at Bank Street College, working on an MA in early childhood and special education. She is also completing a graduate internship at the Payne Whitney Therapeutic Nursery at NY Hospital/Cornell Medical Center. Michele works with preschool children who have severe developmental delays. She writes that the work is very challenging clinically and she is learning a great deal.

ELAINE NEUMANN is an associate at Moser & Moser, a law firm in NY. She graduated from Fordham Law in 1991 and lives on the Upper West Side. RACHEL POWELL is still living in NYC. She heads up the graphics dept at the *NY Times*; her

graphs and charts can be seen throughout the paper.

ANN RALSTON-MCMAHON has moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, where she plans to raise her two little girls, Caroline and Lindsey. She worked in publishing in San Diego and in NY, where she was with John Wiley and Sons; and most recently at Fromm International as production manager and marketing asst. But in Grand Junction, she is "just a mom right now" although considering getting a teaching certificate in the future. Ann says that Grand Junction is a beautiful part of the country and invites anyone who wants to visit the area to give her a call.

NANCY YAFFA graduated from Wharton in 1992 and is a product development manager at Coach Leatherware in NYC. She ran her third NY marathon and continues to row at the Columbia Boat House. **LISA KOLKER** graduated from Harvard Business School in June and is a management consultant for Deloitte & Touche. She is constantly traveling back and forth between Norfolk, VA, and NYC.

MEG SASSAMAN graduated at the top of her class from Michigan Law School in 1992 and lives in Seattle, she says, "climbing, hiking, biking, and practicing family law. I love it!"

Through my job at DMB&B Advertising, I have frequent contact with **ANJELA HERZOG MAURER**, who sells advertising space for *Child Magazine*. Last January she and husband David had a baby girl, Olivia Rose; they live on the Upper West Side. **JEANINE SIEGAL ROSENBLUM** gave birth to a daughter, Hallie Greta, on October 3rd; she lives in Chappaqua with husband Larry. **JILL STRULOVIC HAFT** has two sons, Elliot 4 and Andrew 2; she and husband Gregg live in Great Neck.

You may have noticed my new last name at the top of this column. I was married in September to Benito Leon (CC '86). Present at the wedding were **GEORGIANA HSU-LUK**, **LYNN LOO**, **KIM ALEXANDER-GREENE**, **LORI FLEMING**, **PAULETTE LEWIS**, **MONICA LORENZO-LATKANY** '87, sisters **DONNA** and Joy (CC '87) **PHANUMAS** and **CHARMIAN LING** '90. On the Columbia side there were Best Man Carlos Figueroa and Groomsman John Luk (both SEAS '86), Antonio Pagan (CC '85) Chang Lim (CC '87), and James Sanchez (CC '86). **ADA GUERRERO** also attended and got married herself six days later. She and her new husband, Carl Guillod, honeymooned in Jamaica. I could not make it to her wedding as I was on an extended honeymoon "Down Under" in Fiji and Australia. We had the time of our lives and highly recommend this part of the world to any adventurous travelers out there.

My name may have changed but my address is the same, so please keep writing!

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Greetings and Happy New Year from Athens, Greece! I hope the holiday season was a joyful one for all. As Esther mentioned in the last issue, I have moved to the land of the Gods for a year to work as a freelance journalist. I am still adjusting to the lifestyle, in many ways similar to that of NY and yet very different. The biggest adjustment so far has been the constant exposure to cigarette smoke—Greeks

smoke like chimneys—and to the noise, which is deafening because of the natives' love of honking their horns and riding noisy mopeds. I will continue as co-correspondent—my address for the year is written above. Please check your postage and allow about two weeks for a letter to reach me. Also, I'd love to meet up with any classmates who might be in Greece or in the region.

This time around I heard from folks who had not been in touch for quite some time. **LOUISE POST** is living in Chicago and is a singer and guitarist in an "awesome rock band," Veruca Salt. The band recently put out its debut album, "American Thighs" (Minty Fresh Records), and has been touring the US for a year. In the fall they opened for rocker Liz Phair on the west coast. To my surprise, I came across a small write-up on the band and the new album in a Greek newspaper here in November—they're apparently getting quite a bit of airplay in Europe as well as in the US!

PATRIZIA CIMINO has been traveling throughout Europe since 1989 and has also completed an architecture program at Pratt and worked for an architecture firm. She completed a program in Florence, Italy, which led to her receiving a master's in architecture from Syracuse U in May. She has been studying the works of Corbusier in France and the work of Gaudi in Spain. Recently she was focusing on the works of Michelangelo in Florence and Rome, and Palladio's works in Venice and Vicenza. When she wrote, she was planning to return to NY in January to prepare for the Architectural Registration Examination, which she will take in June.

LAURA WEINMAN is in her second year of work on her PhD in counseling psychology at the U of Denver and will be married in June. She would like to hear from other Barnard women in the Denver/Colorado Springs area—write to her c/o Alumnae Office.

All's well with **ELLEN SHAW** at Yale, where she is in the nurse-practitioner program. She says that New Haven is quite a switch from the Big Apple, but that Barnard prepared her well for the rigors of her program. **NIKKI MEADOWS** '93 is a fellow student and **ARIEL YELLEN** '91 is a second year student in midwifery.

We received a letter from James Gordon, updating us about "the love of his life," **E. ANN HUNKINS**. She was in Kathmandu, working on a translation of short stories by Nepali authors. A freelance photographer, she was also taking portraits of Nepali authors for a photo book. He was expecting her back in Santa Fe in December.

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Many weddings among us: **SUSAN LANE** was married to Stephen **SCHNELL** on the day after Thanksgiving and lives in Lawrenceville, NJ. **PAT BARLERIN** married Alexander Farman-Farmaian in New York in October. She is a candidate for an MBA at Columbia and her husband is in investment management.

Not quite so recently (May '93), **MARIA (MARGIE) RAMOS** married Mario Hurtado (CC '90). They have a baby girl, Gabriela Hurtado-Ramos, and live in Houston, TX.

From Los Angeles, **VICKI CURRY** sent word that **JOELLEN GARRANT** married Michael Masters in July 1993 in Plattsburgh, NY. Vicki was a member of the wedding party and guests included **ELIZABETH SCHACK**, **SHANNON LAFFERTY**, **TAMY DAWSON**, and **CATHY MAY**. JoEllen is in her second year at American U law school in DC. Vicki adds that **STEPHANIE GILLIS** is also in L.A., working on a master's in clinical psychology at Pepperdine, and **LISA FELDMAN** is an attorney there, specializing in health care reform. Vicki herself is working in theatre and is active in the Barnard and Columbia Clubs of Southern California. She was back on campus in September for a training workshop as a Barnard Admissions Rep and hopes to make it back again for Reunion.

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HELENA HOPKINS writes she's "looking forward to the 5th Reunion. I am still in the environmental field...moved on with my interest in combining business with an environmental cause. I now work in DC for a San Francisco-based company, Kenneth Windpower. We are the world's largest wind energy company. I am on the project development team for the Mid-Atlantic Region. I love it because I still get to go to San Francisco often (where I moved from) yet be closer to my family. I've done everything from talking with political bigwigs to counting birds down at our proposed site in West Virginia."

DIANE FINK wrote she married David Rein this past August. She is a lawyer and her husband attends Columbia Law School. **ANGLIA BHATIA** writes she married Gaurav Bhandin (SEAS '90) in November 1993. She is an associate at JP Morgan and her husband is an associate at Goldman Sachs.

ELONA KOGAN graduated from Southwestern University Law School last May.

I received a beautiful announcement from **ARIELA AARON IVES** that her son Ezra Rachamim Ives was born in September; she writes "Motherhood is a completely different experience from anything else with a whole different set of challenges! I like it!"

I was in Israel for two weeks at the end of September. I ran into **DEVORA BLACHOR** who is working in the Prime Minister's office. I have now settled into my new apartment on 96th and Columbus. It's a real change having my own room after sharing a room for the past three years. I really can't believe it's now been four years since we were seniors at Barnard and I was working on my thesis!

Even though I know this column will not be published for several months, I'll wish you all Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy New Year and a Happy whatever else you celebrate!

Anyhow, I hope to have more news for the next column but that can only happen if you write to me (at my new address)!

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Let me start off by thanking **ROCHELLE TARLOWE** who helped me put this column together. You see, very few people let me know what they were up to, so I called Rochelle and she helped by telling me news

f some classmates. For those who did get in touch, thank you, and for others, you have a New Year's wish: get in touch with two of your friends from BC '92 and write to me. I have a bet with myself that I will include news of each and every classmate by the time my tenure as class correspondent is over, so help me out.

I hope all classmates did well on their graduate school finals. This list keeps growing, but, in addition to people who have been mentioned in recent issues, includes: **BETH ANISMAN** (Northwestern Law), **ANNA GELMAN** (U Penn Dental), **DENISE APIELLA** (Columbia Law), and **RACHAEL LEVINE** (SIPA). Of the others, Rochelle will be a summer associate at Gilbert, Segall & Young. As for the rest of you, please let me know!

On Wednesday nights we can tune into "All American Girl" on ABC to watch **MADDIE GORMAN**.

KELLYX NELSON is working part time as a motorcycle messenger with Lickety Split Delivery service in San Francisco. Really—careful on those hills!

At Homecoming, **TAMA KUDMAN**, **ROCHELLE FARLOWE**, **AMY BLUMBERG**, **LIZ ATKINS** and **AREN WAITE** had a mini class reunion. Sorry I couldn't be there but it was a week before the (devastating) elections.

ALISA RIVKIN is doing amazing things in NYC. She works in the "Program on Persistent Urban Poverty" at the Social Science Research Council. In her off time she works with a non-profit called "Women in Need," an organization for formerly homeless women and their families. Ethan Cerami '92 is involved with the program via a non-profit that he set up to teach computer skills to some of the women. That organization, called "The Partnership for Computer Education," as well as the one Alisa works for, could use some volunteers, particularly ones with computer knowledge and a love of kids. She urges anyone interested to call her at (212) 663-9500.

ANNA COQUILLETTE recently took a walk down the aisle to wed Erik Caspersen. After receiving her master's at LSE, she is in her second year of law school at Boston College. Erik, who also received a master's at LSE, is in his second year of law school at Harvard. They are living in Cambridge.

AMANDA THOMPSON also took the walk to marry Richard Riegel 3rd. Amanda is a sales associate at Friman & Stein, a diamond and jewelry dealer in New York. Richard is an account supervisor at Lowe & Partners/SMS Advertising Agency in New York.

LAURIE MINTZER has been very busy at Brooklyn Law. In addition to keeping up with her second year studies, she is a member of the Brooklyn Journal of International Law. She will soon start work as a female solo practitioner in NYC who handles divorce, bankruptcy, and medical malpractice cases. She also plans to intern at the National Writers Union. Laurie keeps in touch with Randy Rutberg and often bumps into Barnard women around NYC.

My plea for more mail got through to **LISA PRUSS**, who wrote to let us know that she is working on her MBA in Charlotte, NC. She already has a lot of practical experience, first as an assistant recreation therapist in a nursing home, and then in the customer service division at NatWest bank. In addition to her courses, she is working in the field of mortgage loan originations.

SARAH DELEO and I are still in Washington, DC,

but Sarah is applying to graduate school in international affairs so will be leaving soon.

I am still doing fundraising for pro-choice Democrats. As November made quite clear, my services here are nowhere near over. I plan to stay for at least most of the 1996 campaign cycle. After I leave this job, I'll be heading back to NYC.

Hope all is going well, and please write!

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Lilith, the independent Jewish women's magazine, let us know that **SHANA SIPPY** is one of twelve women cited in their 18th anniversary issue (Fall 1994) in an article called "Women to Watch During the Next 18 Years." A student at Harvard Divinity School, where she is working for a master's in comparative religion, Shana is co-author of a handbook for college women to be published this spring by Workman Press.

KIMBERLY GONG writes that she is a project coordinator in a research laboratory in the Columbia U Comprehensive Cancer Center. She will receive her master's in public health in May. She took a little time off to go to Paris in December and became engaged there to David Mills.

AMANDA HAMILTON is in her second year of a PhD in South Asian studies at the U of Chicago. She writes that she is enjoying it very much even though she has so much work she has hardly gotten to know the city of Chicago at all. This past summer she was in India on a language scholarship, doing Hindi.

Another classmate who has been seeing the world is **AMY SUEYOSHI**, who is in Cameroon with the Peace Corps and took time to send a long letter to Barnard. Amy is a community development extension agent for the Ministry of Agriculture and is working with several women's groups who, after a slow start, are finally showing interest in accomplishing some projects, especially constructing a health center and reforestation. Amy believes that Barnard played a big role in preparing her for dealing with the state of women there: "It's been hard for many other Peace Corps volunteers to see the reality of the lives of women here. I believe that I've been able to work effectively with these women, without becoming jaded (although I'm not sure I'll ever get used to things like frogs in my house)."

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BETH LASSAR married Moshe Schwartz in June. She is a student at NYU medical school; he is studying at Cardozo Law School.

ANN MARIE GORHAM is an intern in the education dept of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

JULIE ANN GRACEFFO is a student at Pace U School of Law.

ANNE MOCARSKI is in a doctoral program in German literature at UC-Irvine.

CARYN BORGER has begun working toward her MD degree at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

TZIPPI FRIEDMAN is studying in Israel.

Watch your mail for the Reunion brochure and plan to come back to Barnard on May 19 for our "First 365 Days" Dinner!

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BARBARA ANN LISKIN

On October 19, 1994, a memorial service was held at Barnard for Dr. Barbara Ann Liskin, clinical director of the Barnard Mental Health Services from 1988 until her death last April. Although her position at Barnard was considered part-time, she was available whenever she was needed, at any hour, on any day, and touched the lives of many Barnard students, their families, and her colleagues. Through her dedication, and her recognition of the complexities of adolescence and young adulthood, the Student Mental Health Service became a respected element in the life of the College. Survivors include her husband, her two daughters and her parents.

WORKING MOMS

by Dorothy Foltz-Gray '70

My friend Paula and I sit in a booth at our favorite lunch spot eating salads from bowls big as umbrellas. Her six-month-old daughter Ellie joins us, dancing on my lap. Paula and I huddle, heads down and talking fast. But we are always mindful of Ellie; if she drops a rattle on my side, I get it; on Paula's side, she gets it.

Paula and I work together, and we became friends when she was pregnant with her first child. My boys were seven and nine, and Paula questioned me closely as I revealed that my entry into motherhood had not been the usual honeymoon. I loved my ruby-lipped Jacob, my first. But I mourned the life of independence I'd shared with my husband. And I hadn't warmed to the minutiae of mothering: diapers and baths and no moment free—details my friends had neglected to mention as they sang their mothering ballads. So with Paula I was honest, and she was an avid, albeit terrified listener. But after her son Henry was born, like many other mothers I knew, she melted away in blissfulness. I've lost her, I thought. *She'll be uncomfortable with a mother who dislikes the job.*

But Paula never seemed to judge my mothering. It didn't matter that I hated bath times and tying shoes, that after six weeks at home with Jacob, I had been stultifyingly bored and the days had dragged by: sixty seconds times sixty minutes times twenty-four hours. She seemed to admire my less-than-obsessive approach. And I liked how complete a mother she seemed, enlarged by rather than subsumed by the role. Perhaps more comforting—and intriguing, given our differences—we shared concerns so many working mothers share. We'd sit in her office as she spun out a vision of herself at home full-time with Henry. Together we talked about our ambitions, how they'd changed since we'd become mothers. Both of us loved the work we did as editors but dreamed of a saner way to combine work and family. How odd it was to be wedged between a generation that frowned on mothers who worked and one that would at least accept the notion. We both felt caught somewhere between a she and a she-devil. Am I as good a mother as my own mother, who didn't work? Am I somehow less a mother because I love my children *and* my work? Couldn't we be good working mothers, the way our husbands were at least *considered* good fathers even as they tied a knot around their neck each morning and headed into the cold?

When Paula and I get on it, this line of thinking makes us furious. For with her second baby, Paula has changed. Now that she's home with Ellie half-time, she wonders what full-time mothers—whom she once envied—do all day. Now that she could stay home full-time with her children, Paula doesn't want to. If I'm a good mother, she asks, how can I like being away from my baby? How come I feel that exquisite thrill in front of my computer? I look at Ellie, who can't stop smiling. And I think of Jacob, now eleven, who declared this week, "I know who I am," and of my nine-year-old Matthew, whose compassion surpasses that of a Tibetan monk. Maybe, I think, because you have a life of your own.

We decide, as we plunge our forks yet deeper into our Rose Bowls of salad, that somehow our friends and neighbors, our mothers-in-law and maybe even our mothers and sisters, have helped convince us that we must choose one role or the other. For they, like us, are saturated with images of perfect moms—like the aspirin-ad mom comforting her sick child as he comes home from school. She has stability out the wazoo, an inner life that won't quit, and contentment oozing from her mothering arms. But what working moms—perhaps all moms—feel when they watch that ad (and countless others) is inadequacy. We know that home life just isn't like that. At our house, the scene plays more like this: On a rainy day at work, usually just before a big meeting, I get a call from school to come get my son. Everyone rolls his eyes as I leave. *Not those kids again.* When I arrive at school, my son gives me a what-took-you-so-long stare. He's miserable and wet, and now, as I help him into the car and house, the car, the house, and I are wet. The breakfast dishes are where they sat this morning, and the cat is sleeping on the pile of clean laundry. This is not fun or rewarding.

So, economics aside, why do so many mothers try this juggling act? Because, I think as I listen to Paula, our children aren't the only things that make us tick. We have this pesky inner life that won't quit. It's a nuisance, but sometimes we get excited about ideas and shared projects and goals. That part of us didn't shut down during labor. Tell a man he will be scorned if he works for the first ten years of his children's lives, and after he laughs he'll turn celibate, Paula and I decide.

This sounds bitter, but we're not. Paula and I both know what gifts our children are. Still, the cultural portraits of motherhood have touched a nerve we weren't aware of as we put together dreams of parenting *and* careers. We search for answers and find ourselves talking about our mothers. Mine knew everything about movies and movie stars, and when she watched a film, she watched with her body. During high romance between Gable and Colbert, my mother would sink deeper and deeper into the sofa. I didn't know much about the movie-star fantasy life, but I knew she had one. Does that mean she was less of a mother? Never. I don't know any mother who's sanguine about her choices or convinced that hers is the best way to raise a child. But most of us have mothers who didn't work, and we can still see the dark imprint of their bodies on the TV sofa.

I want to know Paula's daughter Ellie twenty-five years from now. I want to see the gleam of energy and intelligence that I so admire in her mother. My guess is she will gather that gleam from her mother's best moments: the smile she gives as she shakes the thermometer down or the hug she offers when Ellie first rides a two-wheeler. But Ellie will also see a mother with a rich inner life, a woman who eagerly climbs the stairs to her study. She'll see what so many of us didn't see: a way to love her children and a way to be herself.

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